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ROCK RIVER CLAIMS LIVES OF THREE SMALL BOYS

RALPH SCHERTNER, JOHN HILBERT AND LAUREN NYE MET DEATH SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

ALL THE BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Vernie George Rescued Willie Barge, But Boys Did Not Tell of Companions' Death Until Sunday.

About two o'clock Saturday afternoon three more names were added to the list of Rock river's victims. The unfortunate persons this time are three small boys who resided in North Dixon. The names of the boys are John Hilbert jr., Ralph Schertner and Lauren Nye, aged respectively, ten, nine and nine years.

The three boys were of a party of five who had been playing along the river almost all of the day. The two lads who escaped were Vernon George, aged seven, and Willie Barge, aged eight years.

Young Hilbert was the son of a traveling salesman; Schertner, son of Emile Schertner, and Nye, the son of George Nye, a mail clerk running between Chicago and Omaha, on the C. & N. W. George is the son of Charles H. George, and Barge is the son of John Barge, a C. & N. W. conductor, and grandson of Hon. William Barge.

Boys Were Companions.

All of the boys were boon companions and played together daily. Saturday forenoon the lads resolved to play "Indian, or men of the plains" and followed the bank of the river, going west on the north side of the stream to a point west of the milk factory, where they intended to have a picnic. The boys had some cookies to eat when they got to their destination.

While going along the river they were playing what is known to boys as "stump the leader." Young Nye, it seems, was the leader, and he was making the mark for the other boys to follow.

Playing, Cutting Ice.

The story goes that each of the boys had a long piece of wood and while they were walking on the ice they would stop occasionally and punch the ice with the sticks, now and then breaking off a piece of the ice. The floating pieces they would prod with these sticks, like the ice cutters in putting up ice.

At a place just west of the Borden Condensed Milk factory they were breaking the ice off and in trying to push the pieces out into the stream, young Nye lost his balance and fell into the water.

He raised his arms and called for help. The Hilbert boy and the Schertner boy, in their efforts to rescue their companion, were overbalanced and also fell into the icy water. Barge, who attempted to assist the others, lost his balance and the four were all in the water struggling to get to the ice and crawl out.

The George boy did not fall into the water. He lay on his breast and told the Barge boy to take hold of his feet, which were hanging over the ice into the water, and he would draw him out. Barge had presence of mind to do this and in this manner his life was saved by young George.

By this time the other three boys had sank out of sight into the icy waters of the river. In the attempt to rescue his companions the Barge lad lost his boot, which he afterwards found, and then the two little fellows, George and Barge, left the river for their homes.

Upon reaching their homes they did not tell their experience, and the dreadful news of the death of the three boys did not reach the public until about eight o'clock Saturday evening.

Thought Boys Ran Away.

When the shades of night began to fall and the three little fellows did not return, the mothers and fathers became worried and called the neighbors to begin search for the missing lads.

About eight o'clock Miss Elizabeth Barge was called to the Nye home and after hearing the story of the missing boys from Mrs. Nye, she called up the police station. A reporter of The Telegraph, who was in the office at the time, answered the telephone and to him Miss Barge told her story.

Mr. Martin, who was also in the office, notified Officers Winters and Gaffney, who went out and told Officer McKinney to go to the homes of George and Barge and get what they had to say about the matter.

Miss Barge stated over the phone that her nephew told at home that he and the George boy fell in the water near a red boat house above the dam, and that the other three lads had left them and gone down the river toward the railroad bridge. That the three boys did not know that the Barge and George boys had fallen into the river. This was the story told Miss Barge by Willie Barge when he reached home at 3 o'clock. The George boy, it seems, did not tell anything about what happened until Sunday morning.

Notify Sterling Police.

The officers laboring under the impression that the boys had gone away, and thinking that they might have gone to Sterling, notified the police in that city to watch the cars there and look out for the missing lads. The police in that city kept on the lookout for the little fellows until late Saturday night.

Late Saturday night the Barge boy told the police that the three boys were drowned and that they were all together when the terrible accident happened. Some searching was done along the river Saturday night, but nothing could be done on account of darkness, and early Sunday morning men and boys began to drag the river west of the milk factory.

Young George was taken to the place and he told the searchers all that had happened. He showed them the place and pointed out the tracks they made in going onto the ice and in coming out of the water.

Search For Bodies.

Fire Chief Coffey let the men take his boat and also sent all the drag hooks he had, and several of the volunteer firemen went to assist in the search for the bodies. Fireman Rutland and several of the police officers went to the place of the accident in the patrol wagon.

The men cut a hole in the ice about thirty feet square near the edge of the flowing water. It was thought best to do this, so as to make no mistake and have plenty of room in which to conduct the search.

Nye's Body Found First.

Watched by a large crowd of people who had gathered at the river bank when the search began in the morning, the men worked faithfully until the three little bodies were found.

The body of Nye was found first and was taken out of the river by William Anderson and Charles Hess. The body was found at 10 o'clock. The body of the Hilbert boy was recovered at about 10:30, about sixty feet west of where the Nye boy was found. Anderson and Hess also pulled this body out of the river.

The body of the Schertner boy was not found until about one o'clock, about sixty feet west of where the Hilbert boy was found. A. J. Coleman, Michael Keenan and William James found this body.

The search for the Schertner boy was almost given up, when Mr. Anderson, who thought he saw a sack or something similar, discovered one arm of the Schertner boy protruding from the water, the body entangled in some willow branches.

The body of the Nye boy was taken to the Gonnerman undertaking rooms and that of the Hilbert and Schertner boys to the John E. Moyer undertaking rooms.

George Tells Story.

Vernon George, who was at the river while the search for the three bodies was being conducted, told a reporter of The Telegraph the following story:

"Willie and I went home after the boys had gone down into the water, and agreed not to tell anything that had happened to our folks. We were afraid to tell about it. I thought my mother would whip me if I told what had happened.

"Lauren Nye went into the river first, then the Hilbert boy and then 'Red' Schertner, and last the Barge boy. The Nye boy had a stick and he held this up and called for help. I took some sticks and tried to get him out; so did the other boys before they went into the water. I did not fall into the river, but got down on my breast and told the Barge boy to get hold of my feet and I would pull him out. He did this and when he got out on the ice we started for home. We could not see the other three boys when we started for home and knew that they were dead."

DROWNING RECALLS OTHER TRAGEDIES

MOTHER OF LITTLE HILBERT BOY WAS BURNED TO DEATH.

LITTLE SCHERTNER BOY BURNED

Willie Barge Rescued His Sister From a Watery Grave Two Years Ago.

The accidental drowning of three little boys Saturday afternoon recalls to mind two dreadful accidents which occurred in two of the families of the dead boys. It was about two years ago that in the Emile Schertner home a little sister of the dead boy was burned to death by the explosion of a gasoline stove. About four years ago the mother of little Johnnie Hilbert lost her life by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

The little George boy, who escaped death in the river, was the principal actor in a peculiar accident some time ago. He had the police of Dixon and Sterling looking the best part of a day for him. Early one morning he was missed from home. The little fellow had crawled into a wagon filled with furniture and fallen asleep. Before he was discovered he had been taken to Sterling. There was considerable excitement in the two cities when this happened and there was much joy in the George home when he was found alive and well in Sterling.

Saved His Sister.

Willie Barge demonstrated his presence of mind and courage when, two years ago, he saved his sister Elizabeth from drowning. The two children were skating near the dam when the little girl skated onto a place where the ice had been cut and which had frozen over slightly. She broke through into the water and immediately the little fellow laid down on the ice and caught her. He called loudly for help and Mr. Block, who was crossing the ice, came to the rescue.

FUNERALS TO BE HELD TUESDAY

SERVICES FOR THE THREE LITTLE BOYS WHO WERE DROWNED.

The funerals of the three little boys who were drowned in Rock river Saturday afternoon, will be held tomorrow.

The funeral of John Hilbert Jr. will be held in the morning at ten o'clock at St. Patrick's church, Rev. Father Foley officiating.

The funeral of Ralph Schertner will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the Baptist church, Rev. W. A. Billings of Wakashau, Wis., officiating.

The funeral of little Lauren Nye will be held at the parents' home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Peters, pastor of the Christian church, officiating. Interment will be in Oakwood

PRISONERS ENJOYED SERVICES IN JAIL

For the first time in many years divine services were held last evening in the Lee county jail. The services were conducted by the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church and were led by George Tannus. Rev. Cryor was present and also a number of ladies. The services consisted of singing and prayer. The prisoners joined in the song service, and at the conclusion of the meeting invited all to come again.

STORY OF DROWNING TOLD TO THE JURY

YOUTHFUL WITNESSES TESTIFY BEFORE CORONER'S JURY SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

HOW THE BODIES WERE FOUND

Two Were Under Edge of the Ice and the Other Lodged Against the Willows.

Coroner Charles Smith drove up from Amboy Sunday afternoon and shortly after 4 o'clock conducted the inquest concerning the drowning of the three boys. This was held at the J. E. Moyer undertaking rooms, and the following jurymen were selected: Hiram Hetler, foreman; Robert Anderson, Thomas W. Bennett, J. J. Dauntler, G. G. Messer and D. P. Munn. The only witnesses to the drowning were the little Barge boy and the little George boy, and the coroner stated that they were the youngest witnesses he had ever examined during his many years of service. Although somewhat frightened on the witness stand the boys told a very straight story and were complimented by the coroner and members of the jury.

On account of their youth neither of the boys were sworn, but were merely asked to tell the members of the jury what they knew about the drowning of their companions.

Willie Barge Testifies.

The first witness called was William Barge of 312 North Ottawa avenue, who gave his age as 8 years. He said: We had some sticks and were breaking the ice near the milk factory. Lauren went down a little too far and went through the ice. This was Saturday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock, I think. John Hilbert tried to get hold of Lauren and he slipped and fell in. Then Ralph and I tried to get them out and they pulled us in. Vernie George pulled me out. I don't know how deep it was; I didn't touch bottom. I went home then. The three boys had their heads out of the water when I went home. We were quite a ways from the milk factory and no one could have heard us if we had called.

Vernon George Tells Story.

Vernon George of 909 Palmyra avenue, aged 7 years, told the most connected story of the drowning. He said: We went down past the railroad and were breaking the ice with sticks. Laurnie went down too far and got in. Jackie Hilbert reached out his stick to him and Laurnie got hold of it and pulled John in. Ralph Schertner tried to get them out and they pulled him in. Then Willie Barge tried to get them out and they pulled him in, too. I didn't get in. Willie tried to get out and I lay down and stuck my feet in the water and told him to get hold and I would pull him out. I had my hands on the ice to keep from slipping. As soon as I got him out we ran home. There was no one else around. We saw one cap floating down. It was Lauren Nye's. I got home at 3 o'clock and Willie Barge went home at the same time. It was a quarter after 1 when I went down to the river. It was 6 o'clock this morning when I told about it.

When questioned, the boys said they were afraid to tell about it Saturday afternoon.

Mr. George told the members of the jury that he asked his boy Saturday night where the other boys were, but he would not tell anything. Sunday morning he told his mother everything and went to the river with his father and showed him where the accident happened.

Two Bodies Found.

W. D. Anderson, a carpenter living at 314 North Galena avenue, who was instrumental in recovering the bodies of John Hilbert and Lauren Nye testified that he went to the river about 9:30 Sunday morning, having heard that the boys were drowned and thinking that he might be of some assistance. The George boy, he said, showed me the place where the boys went down. Charles Hess and I went across the river and got a boat and wheeled it back over the ice in a wheelbarrow.

We started to drag where the boys went down and the first body I found was that of Nye. I had been dragging for about a half hour before I found him, 75 feet from where it is claimed he went in. Then I dragged on down along the edge of the ice, perhaps 60 feet farther, and found Hilbert. I dragged a while longer and then went home. They found the other body about the time I got back to the river. The boys went in on the river side of the opening and near the east end. The water was about ten feet deep and the bodies were both on the bottom of the river. Both bodies were under the edge of the ice and the Nye body was lodged in a depression. Hilbert had his mittend and cap on and Nye had one rubber boot off.

Third Body Recovered.

A. J. Coleman, an electrician living at 616 Dixon avenue, recovered the body of Ralph Schertner, in his testimony before the jury he said: I went down to the river about nine o'clock this morning and started to drag for the bodies. Michael Keenan and Will James were in the boat with me. It was about 1 o'clock when I found the body of Schertner. He was the last to be found. The George boy showed us the location where they broke in. It was about 800 feet from where they broke in that we found the body of Schertner lodged in the willow bushes with one arm partly out of the water. The bodies were about 60 feet apart. The open place in the river is about 500 feet long and from 30 to 40 feet wide, the warm water from the milk factory sewer keeping the place from freezing over.

The Jury's Verdict.

With this evidence before them the jury made out the following verdict:

"We the undersigned jury sworn to enquire into the death of Ralph Schertner, John Hilbert and Lauren Nye, find that they came to their death by accidental drowning in Rock river on Saturday, February 16th, 1907."

SCOUTED FEARS THAT SON WAS DEAD

FELLOW EMPLOYES OF GEORGE NYE TRIED TO PREPARE HIM.

WITHHELD THE AWFUL TRUTH

Had Cautioned His Boy to Keep Off From Ice—Would Not Believe Him Drowned.

Laughing at the fears of his co-workers that his child might be drowned when he received word at Clinton, Ia., Sunday morning that his son was missing, George Nye was little prepared for the awful story that was told him when he left the train at this city early on the Sabbath day.

The others on the train knew that the little fellow was dead, but none had the heart to tell the father that his only son had met a tragic fate in the icy waters of Rock river, and all the way from Clinton to Dixon they tried by hints and suggestions to prepare his mind for the sad shock it was to receive.

Messages at Clinton.

At Clinton two telegrams awaited Mr. Nye, who was working on mail train No. 19, east bound. One message told of the disappearance of the lad, and the other, received later, told of his drowning.

The fellow mail clerks intercepted the second message, giving the father the first, and commenced to make arrangements whereby he could leave the train at this city. They tried to at least excite a knowledge of the possibility of drowning in the heart of the father.

Had Warned His Boy.

But he laughed at their fears. He thought the boy would be found when they arrived at Dixon. He told his companions that he had seen his boy on the ice early in the week and had severely lectured him against risking his life there. He was confident the boy would remember the advice that had been given him. He made sport of the foolish fears of his fellow employes.

When Dixon was reached on the morning of the beautiful Sunday, Mr. Nye was let off duty. A fellow mail clerk got off the train with him, and on their way up town Mr. Nye learned from Eckert the awful news for which they had been trying in vain to prepare him.

YOUNG MAN IS KILLED BY C. & N. W. ENGINE SUNDAY

NEW CITY HALL ABOUT READY FOR DEDICATION

The city hall is practically completed, and will certainly be in readiness for the dedication exercises Friday. The main entrance was completed Saturday afternoon and today a force of men are at work scrubbing the floors in all parts of the building. H. C. Dixon today placed a fine electric self-winding clock in the building, whereby the employes will learn not to work overtime.

SHERIFF CAPTURES A HORSE THIEF

ORVILLE HARTER INDICTED AT THIS TERM FOUND AFTER A LONG SEARCH.

ROBBED P. E. ANDERSON OF VIOLA

Horse Was Found—Claims the Other Things Stolen Were Thrown Into Mississippi River.

Orville Harter, of Viola township, who was indicted by the last grand jury for larceny and malfeasance in office, was arrested Saturday nine miles from Marengo, Henry county, by a deputy sheriff of that county. He was taken to Woodstock, Ill., and locked in the county jail to await the arrival of Sheriff Tourtillott, who reached that city Sunday at about noon. Sheriff Tourtillott brought his prisoner to Dixon last evening and locked him in a cell in the county jail.

It is claimed that during the early part of last winter Harter stole from Peter E. Anderson, a farmer in Viola township, a horse, $15, an overcoat, a hat and a pair of eye glasses. The horse was afterwards found near Rochelle.

It is understood that Harter has confessed, and states that he threw all of the goods except the money, into the Mississippi river. He also tells two different stories about his age. To the prisoners in the county jail he says he is twenty-two and to the sheriff he says that he is but eighteen years of age. He is unmarried. His father resides somewhere in the state of Washington, and his mother resides at Marengo. It was on his mother's farm that he was living when arrested.

Harter says that he understood the officers had given up looking for him and that if he had known they were still looking for him they would never have gotten him.

Sheriff Tourtillott feels good over the capture of Harter, for now all of the indicted persons have been captured, and with the exception of Harter, their cases have been disposed of.

The sheriff and his deputies have been following Harter ever since the alleged robbery was committed. The new sheriff and his able deputies are making a good record.

Harter confessed practically everything to the sheriff today, and it is learned that he has a record of serving time at Salem, Oregon, for horse stealing.

EARLY SETTLER IN COUNTY DEAD

ISAAC WELSH DIED SUNDAY—WM. CLAYTON OF AMBOY PASSED AWAY.

Amboy, Ill., Feb. 18—Special—Isaac Welsh, one of Lee county's old settlers, died at his home northwest of this city very suddenly Sunday morning, death resulting from a hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Welsh was in Amboy Saturday afternoon and appeared to be in the best of health, as he transacted business and visited with friends in town. His death early Sunday morning caused a great deal of sorrow among his friends. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

William Clayton.

William Clayton, one of the most prominent business men of this city, died here Sunday afternoon after a long illness. He was connected with Amboy business interests for many years.

HORACE DEVORE OF LEXINGTON, ILL., MEETS DEATH IN THE RAILROAD YARDS ON SUNDAY EVENING.

WAS HERE ON WAY TO FREEPORT

To Take Examination For Position on Railroad—Companion Was With Him When Accident Befell Him.

Horace Devore of Lexington, Ill., was killed by the cars in the C. & N. W. railroad yards in this city at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. While on his way to Freeport to take the examination for the position as brakeman on the Illinois Central railroad, the young man met death in a most tragic manner.

The unfortunate youth came to Dixon Sunday morning from Lexington in company with M. Palmer of the same place. They were chums, and were both going to take the examination for positions on the railroad.

Ate Lunch in Yards.

They came to Dixon on the Illinois Central, but got off here to rest and spend the afternoon. At about five o'clock they got some lunch at a Depmenttown restaurant and went to the Northwestern yards to eat their meal.

They ate their meal behind some box cars on the south side track and about three hundred feet west of the passenger station. While they were eating an east bound stock train passed through and young Devore stepped out to watch it pass.

Watching Passing Train.

He was looking west toward the way car, and did not notice a way-car bounce (engine and lone way car) approaching from the east. The west bound train was running at a very moderate speed, but because of the curve at the place of the tragedy Engineer J. Geiger did not see him until it was too late to stop.

The young victim was hurled to one side, and was rendered unconscious by the blow. He was picked up at once and the company's physician summoned, but he died about twenty minutes after the accident.

Body Not Mangled.

His head was badly bruised, and when picked up he was bleeding from the ears and nose. A gash over the left ear indicates a fracture of the skull, and the blow to the head is thought to have caused his death.

The body was taken to the Staples morgue, where the inquest was held this morning, it being impossible to get the train crew back from Peoria in time for an inquest last evening. The train was in charge of Conductor H. Bates. J. Geiger was the engineer and J. Kudera was the fireman.

Parents Notified.

The boy's father, Joseph Devore, of Lexington, has been notified of the tragic end of his son and is expected in Dixon this afternoon.

Operator Webster of the Northwestern station, states that the train which struck young Devore passed the depot at exactly 5:20 o'clock and was running very moderately.

Short Inquest Held.

The inquest, which was held at the morgue this afternoon at one o'clock was one of the shortest sittings in the history of the coroner's office. But two witnesses were examined, the jury being satisfied from that testimony that the young man's death was entirely accidental, and that no one was to blame.

The jury was composed of C. A. Huggett, foreman; Henry Leydig, L. E. Edmunds, A. B. Carson, Robert Abbott and D. P. Munn. The investigation was conducted by Coroner Smith. Assitant General Claim Agent Lewis and his private stenographer represented the railroad. The train crew could not get back in time for the inquisition, there being no trains out of Peoria.

Had Been Drinking.

Marshall Palmer, the young man partner, testified that Devore was

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MEET HERE NEXT YEAR

HARRIS SECURES STATE CONVENTION AGAINST OPPOSITION FOR DIXON.

WILL BRING 400 DELEGATES

Is Good Advertising for City—Meeting Will Be Held Next February.

Dixon has been selected as the meeting place for the next annual convention of the Retail Merchants' Association of Illinois, in February, 1908. Reports from the convention which closed at Peoria Thursday, state that the choice of the next convention city, which promised to bring a lively scramble, ended tamely and peaceably. At the last all the cities withdrew with the exception of East St. Louis and Dixon, and East St. Louis, seeing that sentiment favored Dixon, retired in favor of the latter city."

Attorney A. G. Harris was the only delegate present from Dixon and his success in bringing the convention to Dixon in the face of the opposition lined up against him speaks well for his tact and perseverance. Chicago, Rockford, Decatur and East St. Louis all wanted the convention and there was a lively scramble before the question was ready for a vote. East St. Louis had twenty delegates working, but Mr. Harris got busy and in a rousing speech accused East St. Louis of playing politics. Chicago came to the rescue of Dixon and promised support for her "suburb." Mr. Harris lauded the beauties of Dixon and her attractions and the other cities followed Chicago's lead and gave Dixon their support.

The convention will bring about 400 representatives of the business interests of the leading cities of the state to Dixon and will be a fine advertisement for the city.

Mr. Harris not only made an address upon the legal points of interest to retail merchants, but was appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions. In this capacity he introduced a resolution endorsing the bill in the legislature for a 2-cent railway fare. The resolution was unanimously passed.

The convention was said to be one of the most enthusiastic and successful ever held by the association.

GOOD ICE HARVESTED IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Pres. E. N. Woodruff of the Woodruff Ice company of Peoria, writes Manager Sam Watson that his company at Peoria has all the houses filled with good ice. Harry Lawler of Chicago also writes Mr. Watson that he has all of his houses, located along the lake, filled with choice ice.

This section of the state is the only place where the ice harvest is delayed. The gorge in Rock river had a lot to do with the poor harvest here.

OFFICERS LOOKING FOR A RUNAWAY BOY

DeKalb Youth Wanted and Thought to Have Been Seen East of This City.

Wednesday morning Chief Woodyatt received word from the police at DeKalb that a boy had run away from that city and that the police of Dixon should be on the lookout for the runaway. The boy's name is Olson and he is described as being fifteen years of age, wearing a cap and overshoes, but no overcoat.

A farmer came to this city last evening and notified the police that a lad of this description was seen late yesterday afternoon near the White Temple school house in South Dixon township, only a few miles east of here. When the boy saw the farmer coming he ran to one side of the road and hid until the man had gone by, and then came from his hiding place and followed the farmer a short distance, climbed the fence and went across the fields toward the Illinois Central railroad.

The farmer says the boy acted very strangely and did not wish to be seen.

Palmyra Paying Taxes.

Collector Abe Rutt had the Palmyra tax books at the Dixon National bank today and many of the farmers of that township were here today and paid their taxes. Mr. Rutt says the taxes are coming in about as fast as usual. Charles Cash is Mr. Rutt's deputy for awhile.

Pat's Memory For Faces

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It looked very pleasant and homelike in the studio when all was finished. The girl, a brown eyed, slender creature, with masses of soft brown hair around a small oval face, smiled contentedly as she surveyed the results of three days' labor.

A few pretty rugs were scattered over the floor. Pictures in various stages of completion leaned against the wall, and on the hearth a cozy wood fire sparkled cheerily.

Beyond was a glimpse of a tiny bedroom and a kitchenette. Miss Vandervier drew a long breath. It was what she had been dreaming of for years, this return to New York to a studio of her own. Now she could show what the hard work in Paris had done for her; now she could prove what was in her.

The janitor, watching her with his shrewd, kindly old Irish eyes, nodded a silent approval. She would do. Pat was father, friend and counselor to all the eager, ambitious young hearts gathered under the roof of the big studio

"HE DO BE CALLING ALL THE TIME," EXPLAINED PAT.

building, and it did not take him long mentally to fix the status of each newcomer. But to Miss Vandervier, for some reason, he vouchsafed a peculiar attention, studying her face whenever unobserved with sharp intentness. He nodded again.

"I hope you will find it agreeable, miss," he said as he gave the fire a rattling poke. "We are rather a nice lot," judicially.

"Thank you," responded the girl gratefully. It was a bit lonely this much boasted independence. "Are there—are there many other girls here?"

Pat waved the poker.

"Well, there's Miss Delano," he reflected aloud. "She's water, and Miss Brown is oils, and Miss Merriton, who charcoals. All nice, quiet young ladies as you'd wish to find. But the young gentlemen"—lifting eloquent hands—"them's the noisy lot! All but Mr. Lawrence, that is," consideringly.

Miss Vandervier jumped.

"Mr. Lawrence?" she echoed faintly.

The old Irishman nodded.

"Mr. Robert Lawrence. You'll no doubt have been seeing his things. Some likes 'em. But, as for me, I likes a bit of color meself," gazing admiringly at a fragment of vivid blue Venetian water and sky. "But, sure, Mr. Lawrence ain't troubling the paints much those days," harking back to his subject with a sigh. "But, well, well," suddenly changing his tone, "I must be going. Good evening, miss. And if there's anything you want don't hesitate to call upon old Pat for it."

But the girl had drawn near the door.

"Is—is anything the matter with Mr. Lawrence?" she asked in a carefully indifferent voice. "I—I think I used to know him in Paris."

"Did you, now?" The old man shook his head. "'Tis very sick I fear he is," he answered soberly. "I'm thinking that if no one comes to nurse him it's to the hospital he will be going. We've written his family, but they must be away. The doctor said that if no one came he'd most likely be took tonight. 'Tis sad to hear him, miss."

"Sad?" repeated the girl, with averted face.

"He do be calling all the time," explained Pat. "'Marion, Marion,' 'tis that he's whispering."

"Marion?" faltered the girl. She bent forward. "You are—you are sure?" she demanded tensely.

"Marion or Maude or maybe 'tis Mary," returned Pat indifferently. "I'm not good on remembering names. But it must be some one he's terrible fond of. His whole studio is filled with pictures of one young lady, drawn every kind of a way. 'Twould fair surprise you. He's sure got his eye on some one," a droll smile tightening the corners of his mouth.

"Well, I wish she'd come, then," the sigh returning. "I'd have a job for her. But good night again, miss," recollecting himself with a start. "Here I am gossiping away when I should be doing my work. And don't trouble your head about Mr. Lawrence. He'll most likely pull through." And with a final clatter of the poker he was gone.

But it is very easy to tell a person not to trouble. To follow such an injunction is a different matter. Miss Vandervier's face as she turned back to the flickering fire wore a strange expression. Bob Lawrence upstairs—and ill! That in all the big city of New York she should have happened upon the very building which sheltered Bob! What could be more unfortunate? This had been the first thought which leaped to her mind as the old man chattered on, followed, however, by the consoling reminder that they need not therefore ever easily meet.

And then, with a shock, the unexpectedness of which set her a-quiver, had come the news of his illness and the Marion. For a moment a cold finger seemed laid upon her heart. Bob ill and calling for another girl!

Yet why should she care? She did not, she told herself, with a quick toss of the head. She had taken that chance when she sent him away. He had been hers first, hers utterly. A sudden vision of those old Paris days rose before her mind when Bob had begged her to marry him and come home, and she, trying to be brave and rejoicing in their strength, had only laughed. Give up her work and go home? How could he ask it?

But he had asked it and then gone away, and now he was upstairs ill and calling for another girl. Her mind reverted constantly to that thought. Naturally she had told him to forget her, but equally naturally, with the fine self confidence of her sex, she had never believed that he would. Reluctantly the truth now forced itself upon her consciousness that in all her day dreams of winning fame the return of a joyful and proud Bob had always been the climax.

With a determined effort Miss Vandervier flung herself into a chair and tried to absorb herself in the cherished studio, but to no avail. The thought of that lonely, ill figure upstairs persisted to the exclusion of everything else. He was ill, very ill, and they were going to take him away, and all he needed was nursing. The girl caught unsteadily at the arms of the big chair and half sprang to her feet. But that other girl—could she, oh, could she?"

And then, with a singularly sweet and gentle expression, Miss Vandervier arose. What matter? If he were delirious he would never know, and at least she might be of service.

Perhaps it would be unfair to accuse Pat of "snooping." Nothing might have been farther from his thoughts, but, be the truth as it may, the indisputable fact is that, when a few minutes later the door of Miss Vandervier's studio opened and a slender figure flitted up the stairs, Pat, unobserved in the dark hall, uttered a smothered sound.

In breathless interest he waited. Then came to him a light knock, a low exclamation and then a feeble yet thrilling joyful cry, "Miriam, oh, Miriam!"

Pat, his lids suddenly wet, emitted a long, satisfied sigh.

"Miriam, is it?" he muttered. "Miriam, aha!" with a sly twinkle, born of his knowledge of women. "Maybe I'm not much good at names, but it's sure the fine eyes I have for a likeness."

And, picking up the empty coal scuttle, he went on down the stairs.

BIG STRIKE ON A ROAD

Eleven Hundred Shop Men Reject Company Concessions and Quit Work.

St. Louis, Feb. 16.—Eleven hundred boiler makers, boiler makers' helpers, blacksmiths and blacksmiths' helpers employed on the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain system have quit work and refused to accept the concessions offered by the management.

General Manager A. W. Sullivan has authorized the posting of notices at the various shops of the company that the blacksmiths and blacksmiths' helpers will no longer be retained as employes unless they return to work next Monday. He also instructed his assistant, C. J. Macpherson, to inform all general superintendents and superintendents by telegraph of the details involved in the controversy. The boiler makers want a cent an hour more than the company will give them.

SOME GEORGIA PRODUCTS

Four Boys Who Seem Lacking in Moral Sense—They Wreck a Train to Rob It.

Atlanta, Ga., F[illegible] Specials from Tallapoosa, Ga., say: Four boys from Tallapoosa, Ga., say: Four boys have confessed to attempting to wreck a Southern railway train just east of here last Tuesday night. An accommodation train from Atlanta ran into an open switch.

The engine was demolished and the engineer and fireman badly bruised, but the passengers escaped. The lock had been broken and the switch left open. The boys said their object was to rob the express car.

Horrible Scene at a Hanging.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 16. — There was a harrowing scene at the hanging at Farmville of Moses Hill and Will Ruffin, negroes convicted of the murder of Postmaster John Grubb. Hill weighed 275 pounds. The rope broke; he walked calmly back to the scaffold, when it broke a second time and he died in agony on the ground.

They'll Be Quiet for Awhile.

London, Feb. 16.—W. H. Dickerson, Liberal, having introduced a bill in the house of commons to give the suffrage to married and rate-paying women, the "suffragettes" have decided to cease their campaign pending the discussion of the bill.

MOVE MADE FOR PRESS CENSORSHIP

RESOLUTION IN CONGRESS TO SUPPRESS DETAILS IN THE TRIAL OF THAW.

FOUR PAPERS ARE INDICTED

By a Kentucky Jury—Texas District Attorney Issues Warning to Newspapers.

Washington, Feb. 15.—President Roosevelt's recent suggestion that Postmaster General Cortelyou and Attorney General Bonaparte consider what can be done to suppress the distribution through the mails of newspapers publishing stenographic reports of the Thaw trial has borne fruit in the form of a resolution introduced yesterday by Representative Wharton of Chicago. The resolution proposes to confer upon the president power to censor newspapers. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, The public sense of decency and morality has been grossly outraged by the publication of the details of the most revolting features of the evidence of the trial of Harry K. Thaw, now in progress in the City of New York, and which reveals a depth of moral depravity, degradation and degeneracy on the part of Stanford White unequaled in all the annals of our criminal history; and

Whereas, The publication in detail of the loathsome and licentious acts of the said Stanford White in a long and uninterrupted career of debauchery of girlish virtue and chastity must of necessity have a demoralizing influence upon the youth of this land; therefore be it

Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives in congress assembled, That as a protection to the honor and good name of the womanhood of America, the President of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to exclude from the mails of the United States any and all publications containing the revolting details of this case and others of similar nature.

It is not taken seriously by members, and there is not enough sentiment in favor of the suggestion among congressmen to make its passage possible.

Calls Halt on Thaw News.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 15.—W. H. Atwell, United States district attorney for the northern district of Texas, today issued a letter of warning to the newspapers of his district with reference to the publication of the proceedings of the Thaw trial. Mr. Atwell calls attention to that section of the federal statutes which prohibits the depositing of obscene matter for mailing and delivery in the United States, and, continuing, says:

"The nauseating testimony of a witness in the Thaw case, now being tried in New York, in my opinion is superlative obscenity within the statute above mentioned, and federal courts have so repeatedly held. The reproduction of further testimony giving rise to libertinous thought and forwarded through the United States mails in this district will be made the basis for presentments to the next federal grand jury convened in this district."

Four Papers Indicted.

Lebanon, Ky., Feb. 15.—The grand jury here has indicted the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Louisville Herald, the Louisville Times and the Louisville Evening Post for publishing the full details of the Thaw trial and circulating them in this county.

Helping the Carrier.

Amboy Journal. Some of our exchanges have made mention of the fact that the farmers living along the lines of rural routes have contributed a bushel or so of corn to the carrier. This is a suggestion that might be acted upon by the patrons of every rural route. The carriers have a government job, but it is by no means a "private snap." It takes a good deal of management to make both ends meet when they are obliged to keep two horses, live in town and buy all the necessary provisions at the market price. The carriers of our country have gone over their routes during the severe weather at a great inconvenience, and are always faithful to the performance of their duties. A bushel of corn or so given to the carrier would hardly be missed by the farmer, but it would be a great saving in the expense of horse feed, and the generous act would certainly be appreciated by the faithful mail man.

WEATHER IS HELPING CONDITION OF RIVER

Ice Is Becoming Honeycombed and Will Probably Go Out Without Causing Trouble.

The warm weather of the past few days has accomplished much in allaying the dangerous condition of Rock river and it is thought by those who have a knowledge of the stream and the conditions that if this weather can continue for a few days more the ice will go out in the spring without any great damage. The ice has been rotted and honeycombed until any great pressure would crumble it to such an extent that it would be impossible for it to gorge.

The ice has settled all the way from this city to Lyndon and is well within the banks of the river now.

REVEALS MOTIVE FOR HIS SUICIDE

Clinton Herald: The motive for the suicide of Claude E. Snart came to light this morning when County Attorney Keefe received a letter from the county attorney at Beatrice, Neb., informing him that Snart had a wife in that city, whom he had left a few days before he killed himself, writing her later that when she received the letter he would be dead. Snart thus had two wives, one in Lyons and one in the Nebraska city, where he married a few months ago, according to information received today.

County Attorney M. W. Terry writes Mr. Keefe that Snart reached Nebraska six months ago accompanied by a young woman whom he claimed was his wife. About ten days before the date of the letter, which was Feb. 12, Snart left Beatrice and came to Clinton. Then he wrote her telling her that when she received the letter he would be dead. The woman abandoned in Beatrice is twenty-two years of age and is in a delicate condition.

SENT TO THE PEN FOR PASSING GEORGIA BILL

Bill Similar to One Recently Passed in Dixon—Other Frauds Discovered.

The discovery that old and valueless bank notes, altered to resemble the genuine article, have been put into circulation in Illinois cities, has raised the question whether such bills are counterfeit under the United States laws. The weight of opinion seems to be that they are not, and that those passing them can be proceeded against only on state charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, cheating by false pretenses, or some similar charge. No accurate estimate of the number of worthless bills which have been circulated can be made, but it is believed that the swindle has been done on a large scale.

The extent to which the work has been done is indicated by the fact that notes of the old Bank of Tekamah (Nebraska) and notes of Merchants and Planters' Bank of Georgia, the latter sixty years old, and both absolutely without value, have been found circulating as modern bank bills. It will be remembered that one of these bills was recently passed in Dixon.

The method of doctoring the bills, most of which are of \$5 and \$10 denominations is to split them and insert silk fibres between the two pieces, which are then adroitly pasted together. The work is so skillfully done that it is difficult of detection, while the presence of the silk fibres gives an appearance of genuineness which makes the bills particularly dangerous.

The fraud has apparently been perpetrated quite extensively through Iowa and Illinois. A man giving his name as George Johnson is said to have recently been arrested in Montezuma, Ia., and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for passing one of the Georgia bills. The charge was obtaining goods by false pretenses. The government secret service officers at that time investigated the question whether the charge of counterfeiting could be made, and decided that the government had no jurisdiction, on the ground that a split bank note is not a counterfeit of a United States bank or treasury note.

Plum Trees in Bloom.

The J. A. Lloyd family received a letter from George Shaver dated Feb. 1, at Brookville, Miss., in which he states that there is every appearance of spring there. The blossoms on the plum trees are open, the oats have been sown, trees are in bud and the roses will be in bloom very soon, as they are in bud now.

The Sane Course For the Russian Government

By Count LEO TOLSTOI

THE acknowledged basis of all governmental power is solely the promotion of THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE over whom the power is exerted.

But what are you who now govern Russia doing? You are fighting the revolutionists with shifts and cunning such as they employ against you and, worst of all, with CRUELTY EVEN GREATER THAN THEIRS. But of two contending parties the conqueror, always, is not the more shifty, cunning, cruel or harsh of the two, but the one that is nearest to the aim toward which HUMANITY is advancing.

Whether the revolutionists rightly or wrongly DEFINE THE AIM toward which they strive, they certainly aim at some new arrangement of life, while YOUR only desire is to maintain yourselves in the profitable position in which you are established.

Therefore you will be unable to resist the revolution with your banner of autocracy, even though it be with constitutional amendments, with perverted Christianity, a renovated patriarchate and all sorts of mystical interpretations.

All that is moribund and CANNOT BE RESTORED. Your salvation lies not in dogmas elected in this way or in that, still less in rifle shots, cannons and executions; but it lies in confessing your sin against the people and TRYING TO REDEEM IT and efface it while you are still able to do so. Set before the people ideals of equity, goodness and truth more lofty and more just than those your opponents advocate. Place such an ideal before the people not to save yourselves, but seriously and honestly setting yourselves to accomplish it, and you will not only save yourselves, BUT WILL SAVE RUSSIA from those ills already befalling her and now threatening her.

You will have with you all true constitutionalists, who cannot but see that before calling on the people to choose representatives that people must be freed from the LAND SLAVERY in which it now lives. The Socialists, too, will have to admit that they are with you, for the ideal which they set before themselves—the nationalization of the implements of labor—is attainable first of all by the nationalization of the CHIEF IMPLEMENT of labor—the land.

The revolutionists, too, will be on your side, for the revolution which you will be accomplishing by freeing land from private ownership is one of the chief points in their programme. On your side, above all, will be the whole hundred million AGRICULTURAL PEASANTRY, which alone represents the real Russian people. Only do what you, occupying the place of government, are bound to do and while there is yet time make it your business to establish the real welfare of THE PEOPLE, and in place of the feeling of fear and anger which you now encounter you will experience the joy of close union with the hundred million Russian people; you will know the LOVE AND GRATITUDE of this kindly folk, who will not remember your sins, but will love you for the good you do it, as it now loves him or those who freed it from slavery.

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE NOT CZARS, MINISTERS, SENATORS AND GOVERNORS, BUT MEN, AND HAVING DONE THIS, IN PLACE OF GRIEF, DESPAIR AND TERROR, YOU WILL FIND THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS AND OF LOVE.

Moneyed Americans Abroad Are Spenders.

Wherever they may be on the Continent they are sure to get the

European Edition of the New York Herald.

It is usually the only newspaper printed in English that they can get.

An advertisement in its columns reaches them when they welcome a buying hint.

Good Colorado Weather.

In writing to renew his subscription to The Telegraph, R. H. Bosworth, formerly of Dixon, says: "We have had a fine winter up to the present time. There is no snow on the ground except on the mountains and no ice in the city park lakes. I dug parsnips in the garden today for dinner. The thermometer registered 58 today in the shade on the north side of the house."

FIND BUSINESS GOOD AT THE FEED SHEDS

Roy Crowford and Lincoln Raffenberger, who have leased the Manges feed sheds for one year, report that business is good and seems to be getting better every day. These two young men have many friends who will help them to make the business a success. The boys are obliging to everyone and deserve a good business.

THE Masquerader

By KATHERINE CECIL THURSTON,

Author of "The Circle," Etc.

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CHAPTER XVII.

THE necessary formalities of departure were speedily got through. The passing of the corridors, the gaining of the carriage, seemed to Loder to be marvelously simple proceedings. Then, as he sat by Eve's side and again felt the forward movement of the horses, he had leisure for the first time to wonder whether the time that had passed since last he occupied that position had actually been lived through.

Only that night he had unconsciously compared one incident in his life to a sketch in which the lights and shadows have been obliterated and lost. Now that picture rose before him, startlingly and incredibly intact. He saw the sunlit houses of Santasalare, backgrounded by the sunlit hills—saw them as plainly as when he himself had sketched them on his memory. Every detail of the scene remained the same, even to the central figure; only the eye and the hand of the artist had changed.

At this point Eve broke in upon his thoughts. Her first words were curiously coincidental.

"What did you think of Lillian Astrupp tonight?" she asked. "Wasn't her gown perfect?"

Loder lifted his head with an almost guilty start. Then he answered straight from his thoughts.

"I—I didn't notice it," he said, "but her eyes reminded me of a cat's eyes—and she walks like a cat. I never seemed to see it—until tonight."

Eve changed her position. "She was very artistic," she said tentatively. "Don't you think the gold gown was beautiful with her pale colored hair?"

Loder felt surprised. He was convinced that Eve disliked the other, and he was not sufficiently versed in women to understand her praise. "I thought"— he began. Then he wisely stopped. "I didn't see the gown," he substituted.

Eve looked out of the window. "How unappreciative men are!" she said. But her tone was strangely free from censure.

After this there was silence until Grosvenor square was reached. Having left the carriage and passed into the house, Eve paused for a moment at the foot of the stairs to give an order to Crapham, who was still in attendance in the hall, and again Loder had an opportunity of studying her. As he looked a sharp comparison rose to his mind.

"A fairy princess!" he had heard the red haired man say as Lillian Astrupp came into view along the Bramfells' corridor, and the simile had seemed particularly apt. With her grace, her delicacy, her subtle attraction, she might well be the outcome of imagination. But with Eve it was different. She also was graceful and attractive, but it was grace and attraction of a different order. One was beautiful with the beauty of the white rose that springs from the hothouse and withers at the first touch of cold; the other with the beauty of the wild rose on the cliffs above the sea, that keeps its petals fine and transparent in face of salt spray and wet mist. Eve, too, had her realm, but it was the realm of real things. A great confidence, a feeling that here one might rely even if all other faiths were shaken, touched him suddenly. For a moment he stood irresolute, watching her mount the stairs with her easy, assured step. Then a determination came to him. Fate favored him tonight; he was in luck tonight. He would put his fortune to one more test. He swung across the hall and ran up the stairs.

His face was keen with interest as he reached her side. The hard outline of his features and the hard grayness of his eyes were softened as when he had paused to talk with Lakeley. Action was the breath of his life, and his face changed under it as another's might change under the influence of stirring music or good wine.

Eve saw the look and again the uneasy expression of surprise crossed her eyes. She paused, her hand resting on the banister.

Loder looked at her directly. "Will you come into the study as you came that other night? There's something I want to say." He spoke quietly. He felt master of himself and her.

She hesitated, glanced at him and then glanced away.

"Will you come?" he said again. And as he said it his eyes rested on the sweep of her thick eyelashes, the curve of the back hair.

At last her lashes lifted and the perplexity and doubt in her blue eyes stirred him. Without waiting for the answer, he leaned forward.

"Say yes!" he urged. "I don't often ask for favors."

Still she hesitated. Then her decision was made for her. With a new boldness he touched her arm, drawing her forward gently but decisively toward Chilcote's rooms.

In the study a fire burned brightly, the desk was laden with papers, the lights were nicely adjusted, even the chairs were in their accustomed places. Loder's senses responded to each suggestion. It seemed but a day since he had seen it last. It was precisely as he had left it—the niche needing but the man.

To hide his emotion he crossed the floor quickly and drew a chair forward. In less than six hours he had run up and down the scale of emotions. He had looked despair in the face till the sudden sight of Chilcote had lifted him to the skies; since then surprise had assailed him in its strongest form; he had known the full meaning of the word "risk," and from every contingency he had come out conqueror. He bent over the chair as he pulled it forward to hide the expression in his eyes.

"Sit down," he said gently.

Eve moved toward him. She moved slowly, as if half afraid. Many emotions stirred her—distrust, uncertainty and a curious half dominant, half suppressed questioning that it was difficult to define. Loder remembered her shrinking coldness, her reluctant tolerance on the night of his first coming, and his individuality, his certainty of power, kindled afresh. Never had he been so vehemently himself; never had Chilcote seemed so complete a shadow.

As Eve seated herself he moved forward and leaned over the back of his chair. The impulse that had filled him in his interview with Renwick, that had goaded him as he drove to the reception, was dominant again.

"I tried to say something as we drove to the Bramfells' tonight," he began. Like many men who possess eloquence for an impersonal cause, he was brusque, even blunt, in the stating of his own case. "May I hark back, and go on from where I broke off?"

Eve half turned. Her face was still puzzled and questioning. "Of course." She sat forward again, clasping her hands.

He looked thoughtfully at the back of her head, at the slim outline of her shoulders, the glitter of the diamonds about her neck.

"Do you remember the day, three weeks ago, that we talked together in this room—the day a great many things seemed possible?"

This time she did not look round. She kept her gaze upon the fire.

"Do you remember?" he persisted quietly. In his college days men who heard that tone of quiet persistence had been wont to lose heart. Eve heard it now for the first time and, without being aware, answered to it.

"Yes, I remember," she said.

"On that day you believed in me." In his earnestness he no longer simulated Chilcote, he spoke with his own steady reliance. He saw Eve stir, unclasp and clasp her hands, but he went steadily on. "On that day you saw me in a new light. You acknowledged me." He emphasized the slightly peculiar word. "But since that day"—his voice quickened—"since that day your feelings have changed, your faith in me has fallen away." He watched her closely, but she made no sign, save to lean still nearer to the fire. He crossed his arms over the back of her chair. "You were justified," he said suddenly. "I've not been—myself since that day." As he said the words his coolness forsook him slightly. He loathed the necessary lie, yet his egotism clamored for vindication. "All men have their lapses," he went on. "There are times—there are days and weeks when I—when my"— The word "nerves" touched his tongue, hung upon it, then died away unspoken.

Very quietly, almost without a sound, Eve had risen and turned toward him. She was standing very straight, her face a little pale, the hand that rested on the arm of her chair trembling slightly.

"John," she said quickly, "don't say that word! Don't say that hideous word 'nerves!' I don't feel that I can bear it tonight—not just tonight. Can you understand?"

Loder stepped back. Without comprehending, he felt suddenly and strangely at a loss. Something in her face struck him silent and perplexed. It seemed that without preparation he had stepped upon dangerous ground. With an undefined apprehension, he waited, looking at her.

"I can't explain it," she went on with nervous haste. "I can't give any reasons, but quite suddenly the—the farce has grown unbearable. I used not to think—used not even to care—but suddenly things have changed—or I have changed." She paused, confused and distressed. "Why should it be? Why should things change?" She asked the question sharply, as if in appeal against her own incredulity.

Loder turned aside. He was afraid of the triumph, volcanic and irrepressible, that her admission roused.

"Why?" she said again.

He turned slowly back. "You forget that I'm not a magician," he said gently. "I hardly know what you are speaking of."

For a moment she was silent, but in that moment her eyes spoke. Pain, distress, pride, all strove for expression; then at last her lips parted.

"Do you say that in seriousness?" she asked.

It was no moment for fencing, and Loder knew it. "In seriousness," he replied shortly.

"Then I shall speak seriously too." Her voice shook slightly and the color came back into her face, but the hand on the arm of the chair ceased to tremble. "For more than four years I have known that you take drugs—for more than four years I have acquiesced in your deceptions, in your meannesses"—

There was an instant's silence. Then Loder stepped forward.

"You knew—for four years?" he said, very slowly. For the first time that night he remembered Chilcote and forgot himself.

Eve lifted her head with a quick gesture, as if, in putting off disguise and silence, she appreciated to the full the new relief of speech.

"Yes, I knew. Perhaps I should have spoken when I first surprised the secret, but it's all so past that it's useless to speculate now. It was fate, I suppose. I was very young, you were very unapproachable, and—and we had no love to make the way easy." For a second her glance faltered and she looked away. "A woman's—a girl's—disillusioning is a very sad comedy—it should never have an audience." She laughed a little bitterly as she looked back again. "I saw all the deceits, all the subterfuges, all the—lies." She said the word deliberately, meeting his eyes.

Again he thought of Chilcote, but his face paled.

"I saw it all. I lived with it all till I grew hard and indifferent—till I acquiesced in your 'nerves' as readily as the rest of the world that hadn't suspected and didn't know." Again she laughed nervously. "And I thought the indifference would last forever. If one lives in a groove for years, one gets frozen up. I never felt more frozen than on the night Mr. Fraide spoke to me of you—asked me to use my influence; then, on that night"

"Yes. On that night?" Loder's voice was tense.

But her excitement had suddenly fallen. Whether his glance had quelled it or whether the force of her feelings had worked itself out it was impossible to say, but her eyes had lost their resolution. She stood hesitating for a moment, then she turned and moved to the mantelpiece.

"That night you found me changed?" Loder was insistent.

"Changed—and yet not changed." She spoke reluctantly, with averted head.

"And what did you think?"

Again she was silent. Then again a faint excitement tinged her cheeks.

"I thought"— she began. "It seemed"— Once more she paused, hampered by her own uncertainty, her own sense of puzzling incongruity. "I don't know why I speak like this," she went on at last, as if in justification of herself, "or why I want to speak. But a feeling—an extraordinary, incomprehensible feeling seems to urge me on. The same feeling that came to me on the day we had tea together—the feeling that made me—that almost made me believe"—

"Believe what?" The words escaped him without volition.

At sound of his voice she turned. "Believe that a miracle happened," she said; "that you had found strength, had freed yourself."

"From morphia?"

"From morphia."

In the silence that followed Loder lived through a century of suggestion and indecision. His first feeling was for himself, but his first clear thought was for Chilcote and their compact. He stood, metaphorically, on a stone in the middle of a stream, balancing on one foot, then on the other; looking to the right bank, then to the left. At last, as it always did, inspiration came to him slowly. He realized that by one plunge he might save both Chilcote and himself.

He crossed quickly to the fireplace and stood by Eve. "You were right in your belief," he said. "For all that time, from the night you spoke to me of Fraide to the day you had tea in this room, I never touched a drug."

She moved suddenly, and he saw her face. "John," she said unsteadily, "you—I—I have known you to lie to me about other things."

With a hasty movement he averted his head. The doubt, the appeal in her words, shocked him. The whole isolation of her life seemed summed up in the one short sentence. For the instant he forgot Chilcote. With a reaction of feeling he turned to her again.

"Look at me!" he said brusquely.

She raised her eyes.

"Do you believe I'm speaking the truth?"

She searched his eyes intently, the doubt and hesitancy still struggling in her face.

"But the last three weeks?" she said reluctantly. "How can you ask me to believe?"

He had expected this and he met it steadily enough. Nevertheless his courage faltered. To deceive this woman, even to justify himself, had in the last half hour become something sacrilegious.

"The last three weeks must be buried," he said hurriedly. "No man could free himself suddenly from—from a vice." He broke off abruptly. He hated Chilcote; he hated himself. Then Eve's face, raised in distressed appeal, overshadowed all scruples. "You have been silent and patient for years," he said suddenly. "Can you be patient and silent a little longer?" He spoke without consideration. He was conscious of no selfishness beneath his words. In the first exercise of conscious strength the primitive desire to reduce all elements to his own sovereignty submerged every other emotion. "I can't enter into the thing," he said; "like you, I give no explanations. I can only tell you that on the day we talked together in this room I was myself—in the full possession of my reason, the full knowledge of my own capacities. The man you have known in the last three weeks, the man you have imagined in the last four years, is a shadow, an unreality—a weakness in human form. There is a new Chilcote—if you will only see him."

Eve was trembling as he ceased; her face was flushed; there was a strange brightness in her eyes. She was moved beyond herself.

"But the other you—the old you?"

"You must be patient." He looked down into the fire. "Times like the last three weeks will come again—must come again; they are inevitable. When they do come, you must shut your eyes—you must blind yourself. You must ignore them—and me. Is it a compact?" He still avoided her eyes.

She turned to him quietly. "Yes—if you wish it," she said, below her breath.

He was conscious of her glance, but he dared not meet it. He felt sick at the part he was playing, yet he held to it tenaciously.

"I wonder if you could do what few men and fewer women are capable of?" he asked at last. "I wonder if you could learn to live in the present?" He lifted his head slowly and met her eyes. "This is an—an experiment," he went on. "And, like all experiments, it has good phases and bad. When the bad phases come round I—I want

"No, I haven't got the right."

you to tell yourself that you are not altogether alone in your unhappiness—that I am suffering too—in another way."

There was silence when he had spoken, and for a space it seemed that Eve would make no response. Then the last surprise in a day of surprises came to him. With a slight, spontaneous gesture she stepped forward and laid her hand in his.

The gesture was simple and very sweet. Her eyes were soft and full of light as she raised her face to his, her lips parted in unconscious appeal.

There is no surrender so seductive as the surrender of a proud woman. Loder's blood stirred, the undeniable suggestion of the moment thrilled and disconcerted him in a tumult of thought. Honor, duty, principle, rose in a triple barrier; but honor, duty and principle are but words to a headstrong man. The full significance of his position came to him as it had never come before. His hand closed on hers; he bent toward her, his pulses beating unevenly.

"Eve!" he said. Then at the sound of his voice he suddenly hesitated. It was the voice of a man who has forgotten everything but his own existence.

For an instant he stayed motionless. Then very quietly he drew away from her, releasing her hands.

"No," he said, "No, I haven't got the right."

(To Be Continued)

Noon as Nature's Dining Hour.

Persons who keep close watch on themselves are of the opinion that the hour of noon is the most critical period of life. At that time the human frame undergoes serious changes. The stomach has dispatched the morning meal and sends scouting parties in search of another. The eyes and brain are on the alert, and there is a sort of all goneness pervading the anatomy that sharpens the faculties and puts a new edge on the teeth. It is nature's dining time, and everything about the healthy man or woman is attuned to the demolition or enjoyment of what is called a "good square meal." Those who pay heed to the prompting of nature at this divine hour have their reward in good appetite, good temper and excellent digestion, which is conducive to all the good that flesh is heir to. But those who, following the imperious dictates of fashion, defer the hour of dining until all natural longings are dead and have to be resurrected by adventitious aids lay a train of evils and discomforts which sooner or later become the plague of their lives.—London Telegraph.

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Lazy Larry—Say, lady, I'm dat hungry I don't know what to do. I ain't had nothin'— Mrs. Goodart—Walk around to the kitchen, poor man, and you shall be fed. Lazy Larry—Aw, say, dat's a purty long walk, lady. Couldn't yer hand it out here jist as well?—Catholic Standard and Times.

Irremediable.

Fan—I wasn't expecting to be called on to say anything, you know, and when the president of the club asked me to make a few remarks I just went all to pieces. Nan—You remember I told you those buttons on the back of your waist wouldn't stand the slightest strain, don't you?—Chicago Tribune.

The Scrap Book

Nevertheless and Notwithstanding.

In my younger days out west, said Senator Vest, I went to a variety theater one night in Kansas City.

It was one of those primitive shows where the stage manager comes before the footlights without a coat and waistcoat and with his shirt sleeves rolled up to the elbows to announce the next number of the programme.

"Miss Bertie Allendale," remarked the stage manager, appearing in one of the interludes, "who has entranced two hemispheres with her wonderful vocal powers, will now render in her inimitable style that exquisite vocal selection entitled 'Down In the Valley.'"

A gentleman in a red flannel shirt rose in the midst of the audience and exclaimed in an impressive bass voice: "Oh, thunder! Bertie Allendale can't sing for green apples!"

The manager, who had started to leave the stage, halted and turned. An ugly light flashed from his eye. He came down from the stage, walked slowly up to the man in the red shirt and said, "You'll git out of here." This invitation being declined, a combat followed, lasting about ten minutes. Chairs were broken, and both combatants were bruised and battered. Finally the man in the red shirt was ejected, and the manager walked back to the stage and faced the audience with a bloody face and clothing torn and tattered. He waited a minute, pumping for breath, and then announced impressively:

"Nevertheless and notwithstanding, Miss Bertie Allendale will now sing her exquisite vocal selection entitled 'Down In the Valley.'"

And she sang it with great applause and an encore.

RECESSIONAL.

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies,
The captains and the kings depart.
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far called, our navies melt away;
On dune and headland sinks the fire.
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not thee in awe—
Such boasting as the gentiles use
Or lesser breeds without the law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And, guarding, calls not thee to guard—
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on thy people, Lord!
Amen.

—Rudyard Kipling.

Who Is It?

Miss Maude Adams has a favorite story about a "Miss Johnsing" and "Culpeper Pete."

Pete became enamored of the dusky maiden and, not having the courage to "pop" face to face, called up the house where she worked and asked for her over the telephone. When he got her on the line he asked:

"Is dat Miss Johnsing?"

"Ya-as."

"Well, Miss Johnsing, I's got a most important question to ask you."

"Ya-as."

"Will you marry me?"

"Ya-as. Who is it, please?"

Seneca on Fortitude.

To win without danger is to win without glory. You are a great man, but how am I to know it if fortune gives you no opportunity of showing your virtue? You can judge of a pilot in a storm, of a soldier in a battle. How can I know with how great a spirit you could endure poverty if you overflow with riches? How can I tell with how great firmness you could bear up against disgrace, dishonor and public hatred if you grow old to the sound of applause, if popular favor cannot be alienated from you and seems to flow to you by the natural bent of men's minds? How can I know how calmly you would endure to be childless if you see all your children around you? I have heard what you said when you were consoling others. Then I should have seen whether you could have consoled yourself, whether you could have forbidden yourself to grieve. Do not, I beg you, dread those things which the immortal gods apply to our minds like spurs. Misfortune is virtue's opportunity.

Sympathy For the Brave.

A wounded soldier, young and good looking, was in a hospital in Philadelphia during the civil war. Enter a lady. "My poor fellow, can I do anything for you?" Soldier (emphatically) —No, ma'am, nothing. Lady—I should like to do something for you. Shall I not sponge your face and brow? Soldier (despairingly)—You may if you want to very bad, but you'll be the fourteenth lady as has done it this morning.

The Plucky Earl of Berkeley.

A story of highway robbery which excited me when I was a boy was that of the fifth Earl of Berkeley, who died in 1810. He had always declared that any one might without disgrace be overcome by superior numbers, but that he would never surrender to a single highwayman. As he was crossing Hounslow heath one night on his way from Berkeley castle to London his traveling carriage was stopped by a man on horseback, who put his head in at the window and said, "I believe you are Lord Berkeley." "I am." "I believe you have always boasted that you would never surrender to a single highwayman." "I have." "Well," presenting a pistol, "I am a single highwayman, and I say, 'Your money or your life.'" "You cowardly dog," said Lord Berkeley, "do you think I can't see your confederate skulking behind you?" The highwayman, who was really alone, looked hurriedly round, and Lord Berkeley shot him through the head. I asked Lady Caroline Maxse (1803-1886), who was born a Berkeley, if this story was true. I can never forget my thrill when she replied: "Yes, and I am proud to say that I am that man's daughter!"—Collections and Recollections.

Eugene Field's Breakfast.

Eugene Field, sad of countenance and ready of tongue, strayed into a Denver restaurant and seated himself at a table. To him there came a swift and voluble waiter who said, "Coffee, tea-chocolate-ham-'n'-eggs-beef-steak-mutton-chop-fish-balls-hash-'n'-beans," and much more to the same purpose. Field looked at him long and solemnly and at last replied: "Oh, friend, I want none of these things. All I require is an orange and a few kind words."

Montaigne on Death.

I have often considered with myself whence it is that death should appear less dreadful in war than at home in our own houses. I believe in truth that it is those terrible ceremonies wherewith at home we set it out that more terrify us than the thing itself—the cries of mothers, wives and children, the visits of astounded and afflicted friends, the attendance of pale and blubbering servants, a dark room set round with burning tapers, our beds environed with doctors and priests, in sum nothing but ghastliness and horror round about us. We seem dead and buried already. Happy the death that leaves us no leisure to prepare things for all this foppery.

Edison's "Fake" Cigars.

Mr. Edison once complained to a man in the tobacco business that he (the inventor) could not account for the rapidity with which the cigars disappeared from a box that he always kept in his office. The "Wizard" was not inclined to think that he smoked them all himself. Finally he asked the tobacco man what might be done to remedy the situation.

The latter suggested that he make up some cigars—"fake" them, in other words—with a well known label on the outside.

"I'll fill 'em with horsehair and hard rubber," said he. "Then you'll find that there will not be so many missing."

"All right," said Mr. Edison, and he forgot all about the matter.

Several weeks later, when the tobacco man was again calling on the inventor, the latter suddenly said:

"Look here! I thought you were going to fix me up some fake cigars?"

"Why, I did!" exclaimed the other in hurt surprise.

"When?"

"Don't you remember the flat box with a green label—cigars in bundle form, tied with yellow ribbon?"

Edison smiled reflectively. "Do you know," he finally said in abashed tones, "I smoked every one of those cigars myself!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Report Small; Action Big.

Sir George Walton, admiral of the blue, was detached Aug. 11, 1718, with the Canterbury and five other ships after a Spanish fleet, and on the 18th he forwarded to Admiral Byng the following letter:

Sir—We have taken and destroyed all the Spanish ships and vessels that were upon the coast.

The number as per margin.

I am, &c., G. WALTON.

Canterbury, off Syracuse, Aug. 16, 1718.

TAKEN.	BURNT.
Admiral Mari and four men-of-war, 60, 60, 44, 40 and 24 guns; a ship laden with arms and a bomb vessel.	Four men-of-war of 54, 44, 40 and 30 guns; a fireship and a bomb vessel.

Schopenhauer on Men and Dogs.

If you had a dog and wanted to make him fond of you and fancied that of your hundred rare and excellent characteristics the mongrel would be sure to perceive one and that that would be sufficient to make him devoted to you body and soul—if, I say, you fancied that, you would be a fool. Pat him, give him something to eat, and for the rest be what you please. He will not in the least care, but will be your faithful and devoted dog. Now, believe me, it is just the same with men—exactly the same.

Feebles' Wish.

Feebles (about to be operated upon for appendicitis)—Doctor, before you begin I wish you would send and have our pastor, the Rev. Mr. Blank, come over.

Dr. Sawem—Certainly, if you wish it, but—ah—

Feebles—I'd like to be opened with prayer.

The Vice of Excess.

If we carry our work or play to extremes nature will present a bill for the excess. Moderate rowing is beneficial to the lungs, yet more than one professional oarsman has died of consumption. Physicians are familiar with the irritable heart of young athletes and soldiers. The pulse is rapid and irregular, with palpitation, showing that the circulatory apparatus has been strained. Races ruin nine-tenths of our thoroughbred horses before they reach maturity. The attempt to break a record has ruined many a young man. —O. S. Marden.

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THE BEND.

The Bend, Feb. 15—There are five pupils of The Bend school to take the examination.

Several of the new tenants have begun to move.

Sylvester Bryerton and wife recently visited with friends and relatives at Wyanet.

S. S. Kayler was at his farm on Tuesday.

A. J. Heaton and family visited with the Miller family Sunday.

John Heller sr. had a fine shepherd dog poisoned by some careless person, who probably had put poison out for wolves.

J. Kalebaugh has rented one of H. Bennett's farms.

Mrs. Daniel Heckman is having lumber hauled for a new barn.

C. F. Ball and friend from Ashton were in these parts Monday on business.

John Heller jr. is the happiest youngster in The Bend. He received a fine new watch from a cousin.

A number of young sports were out hunting wolves Sunday.

Luther Heckman visited with Charles Rosbrook last Sunday evening.

A. J. Heaton sawed wood for Mrs. Blackman, Ray Shaver and Vet Brierton.

Mrs. A. Frenzel has returned to Dixon after a two weeks stay at Rosedale.

Mrs. J. Pankhurst and Mrs. T. F. Rosbrook attended the W. R. C. at Dixon Monday.

The sale conducted by Santee and Stahl was well attended and good prices prevailed.

Miss Lindman of Sterling will be a guest of Mrs. T. F. Rosbrook Sunday.

Our genial mail man is always on time.

KING SCHOOL NOTES.

King School, Feb. 14—Miss Kathryn Heuning of Chenoa, Ill., is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Will Stindt.

John Duis and family spent Sunday with his brother Edward.

Fred Cleveland and family of South Dixon called on Will Crobe and G. H. Whitmore last Sunday.

Katie Jannsen of Rock Falls is visiting with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Jannsen.

Samuel Singer and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Gentzert spent Sunday with Will Stindt.

Mrs. James Feldkirchner visited her sister, Mrs. T. Switzer, last Wednesday.

A large crowd attended the Will Crobe sale Wednesday. Things were sold at good prices.

Carl Gantz and wife and C. Smith and family spent Tuesday evening with S. P. Young.

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Some murmur when their sky is clear
And wholly bright to view,
If one small speck of dark appear
In their great heaven of blue.
And some with thankful love are filled
If but one streak of light,
One ray of God's mercy gild
The darkness of their night.

—Trench.

Seek not that things should happen as you wish; but wish the things that happen to be as they are, and you will have a tranquil flow of life. If you wish for anything that belongs to another you lose that which is your own.

—Epictetus.

We have noticed that the more worthless the dog the more likely he is to wear an expensive collar.

Cleveland Licklyter has been arrested for selling whisky without a license. But what would you expect of a man named Cleveland Licklyter?

The Missourians have organized a Bill club, the membership of which is made up of men called "Bill." The Missourians seem to have a good deal of leisure on their hands this winter.

The Hon. John Sharp Williams says the White House is too damp to live in, thereby serving notice that he will not antagonize Mr. Bryan in the latter's efforts to get the democratic nomination for the presidency and later colonize himself in the executive mansion.

Whatever else I have to do—
Change flannels once or twice,
Sit down and contemplate a rise
Next year in cost of ice;
Grip, fever, colds and muddy streets;
One thing I am spared, I know—
As yet this year I have not had
To shovel off much snow.

Clerk—You can't get a room here for that man; he's drunk.

Man (supporting a weary friend)—That's all right. What of that?

Clerk—This is a temperance hotel.

Man—Well, he's too drunk to know the difference.

An Englishman writes to the London Times that he is an unfortunate holder of bonds issued by the late Confederate states. He thinks that Great Britain ought to take some measures to enforce their payment, because they were purchased by parties who were entirely ignorant of the motives of the controversy and who honestly expected to see the South win.

Almost nothing else afford so striking an evidence of the moral improvement of the American people as the decline of drunkenness and of drinking. How great has been this decline only persons of advanced years can fully realize. Whether this is an effect of the preaching of temperance or a logical result of experience, or the spread of habits of industry and thrift, or all of these influences, is not apparent, but the important thing is the fact itself.

ROMANTIC.

Time works marvelous changes in matters human. On Lincoln's birthday the granddaughter of the great emancipator was divorced from her husband.

Robert T. Lincoln, son of the great emancipator, married the daughter of Senator Harlan of Iowa, and one of the results of the union was a daughter, Jessie. Ten years ago Miss Lincoln, while on a visit to her grandfather, attended a football game at Mt. Pleasant. The right halfback on the Iowa team was Warren Beckwith, a stalwart young fellow, who was introduced to Miss Jessie at the close of the game, which he had contributed to win. A football player is always a hero to a young girl. Warren with his broad shoulders, tousled hair, his immense legs and his shoulder interference, made a deep impression on the young lady and she fell hopelessly in love with him. Her father, Robert, didn't take kindly to the youth, but Jessie was so deeply in love that she ran away with Warren and married him. After the marriage Lincoln tried to make the best of it and he took the new husband to Chicago, where he obtained a fine position for him with the Pullman Palace Car company, of which Lincoln is president. Everything promised well until young Beckwith declared that he would rather play baseball than do anything else and he became a professional baseball player. It can be imagined that Lincoln didn't fancy this very much, so the young couple separated. They have not lived together since. Beckwith became a railroad brakeman and when the Spanish war broke out he volunteered and went to the front. Here he received the news that he was the father of a child and he procured a furlough and went to Chicago. Here it was announced that he was going to procure a divorce.

Soon after this Beckwith secured a position as brakeman on a railroad running out of Chicago. About a year ago Beckwith's father died, leaving him an income. So he started a divorce suit in Mt. Pleasant, the decree being granted February 12th. Mrs. Beckwith is living in seclusion in her father's Vermont home, while Beckwith is knocking around town. Here is another illustration of the old adage, "Marry in haste and repent at leisure."

From Saturday's Telegraph.

W. M. Ashford of Polo was here yesterday on business.

Alex Rhodes of rural route No. 1 was in Dixon yesterday.

Mrs. W. S. Frost jr. was here yesterday from Lee Center.

Lex Hartzell of Ashton is visiting at the home of Frank Messer.

Mrs. George McBride, who is very ill, remains in about the same condition.

Mrs. H. A. Roe and children went to Franklin Grove to spend Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Earl, the popular instructor of the Grand Detour school, was a Dixon visitor today.

George Bates, Blair Crawford and Miss Olive Roe were among those from Franklin Grove who attended the show in this city last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dysart and Mr. and Mrs. John Erbes of Franklin Grove visited friends here last evening and attended the Kendall show at the opera house.

People were here from Sterling, Franklin Grove and Polo to see Ezra Kendall in "Swell Elegant Jones" who appeared at the Dixon opera house last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed of Franklin Grove, and Mrs. Will Hartzell and son, Lee, of Ashton, were here Friday, called by the serious illness of their father, Dennison Messer.

ROADS MAY RUN NO SUMMER EXCURSIONS

Plan to Stop All Excursion Rates if the Two-Cent Agitation Continues.

Unless the legislatures of the western states, which are now advocating the passage of 2-cent fare bills cease their agitation and assume a different attitude on the subject, no summer excursions will be run this year by any western road, and other reduced rates commonly allowed by the roads will be curtailed. Resolutions to this effect were passed by the Western Passenger association yesterday after a long discussion. At present the attitude of the roads will be one of waiting to see what turns up. A bill now before the legislature in Iowa is causing the most concern to the roads. Every possible influence is being brought to bear to prevent its passage. Nearly every road with a line in the state has a strong lobby fighting the bill. The claim of the western roads is that the country is too sparsely settled to permit a reduction in the passenger rate. Should the bill go through, they claim the passenger trains would be run at a loss to the company.

There is a $mall matter which $ome of our ubcriber$ have $eemingly forgotten, ay an exchange, and it will apply here. To u$ it is neco$$ary in our bu$ine$$. We are very mode$t and do not wi$h to $peak about it.

YOUNG MAN KILLED BY C. & N. W. ENGINE

(Continued from page 1.)

about thirty-two years of age. They had arrived in Dixon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and had stopped off here to see if the three little boys who had been drowned were found. He said that Devore had had a few drinks while in Dixon, but he did not think he was intoxicated. He was a single man and his parents live in Lexington. The rest of Palmer's testimony was substantially the same story as is given above.

Edward Moeller Quizzed.

Edward Moeller, a young lad who was sitting at the Northwestern station at the time of the accident, was the other witness. His testimony brought out nothing new, except that both engines had whistled at the same time, probably confusing him.

No One At Fault.

In accordance with the evidence the jury's verdict was one of accidental death by being struck by a C. & N. W. engine, and attached no blame to any person.

To Send Body Home.

Following instructions received this afternoon from the dead man's father, the remains will be shipped to Lexington tomorrow.

Boy's House Burned.

Frank Palmer, a Telegraph reporter learned that Devore's parents are in very fair circumstances, but that their little home, which they had owned, burned to the ground a few Sunday evenings since, while the family were at church. The elder Devore is a house mover.

IN HANDS POSTAL AUTHORITIES

Forged Letters of an Objectionable Nature Sent Through the Mails.

William Poulins, manager of the Opera House bowling alleys, will come in the hands of the postal authorities this afternoon or Monday morning, a letter and other evidence which he expects will result in the arrest and conviction of a young man who resides near Eldena.

The case is one of extraordinary interest, and has been a cause of much worry and trouble to the young man. For some time young lady friends of Mr. Poulins have received letters, signed with his name, of an insulting and obscene nature. The persecutions, however, reached their climax this week when the sister of the young lady with whom Mr. Poulins is now keeping company, received a letter of exceptionally indecent character.

This letter and others were gotten by the young man and he now has sufficient evidence to warrant him suspecting a young lad living south of the city. This evidence will be turned over to the postal authorities and an investigation will result.

Has Handwriting.

It is said that Mr. Poulins has a sample of the handwriting of the man he suspects and that careful examination leads him and others to believe that his suspicions were well established.

Jealousy of the young lady with whom Mr. Poulins is going is suspected as the cause of the actions of the young man south of the city, who if the charges are proven, will have to answer to charges of forgery and sending lewd matter through the mails.

CAUGHT IN REVOLVING SHAFT

WILL CRAMER HAS CLOSE CALL AND SUFFERS PAINFUL INJURIES TODAY.

Will Cramer, an employe of the Reynolds wire mill, severely wrenched his left leg and ankle and narrowly escaped probable fatal injury while at work at the factory early this morning. He was working near a revolving shafting when his trouser leg became entangled in it and he was pulled to the door. His leg was badly twisted before he could free himself. A physician attended the injury.

Mr. Cramer's companions expected to see him more seriously injured than he was and his escape is considered miraculous.

Hand Is Affected.

Al Bates, of North Galena avenue, suffered a stroke of paralysis yesterday which affected his right hand. He will be unable to work for a short time.

GEORGE A. MORRIS DIED SUDDENLY

CAME FROM CHICAGO ON SATURDAY TO SPEND SUNDAY WITH FATHER.

FORMER DIXON BUSINESS MAN

Funeral Arrangements Will Not Be Made Until Daughters Arrive From the West.

Dixon citizens were shocked this morning when the news of the sudden death of George A. Morris became public, he having died at the home of his father, James H. Morris, at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Morris arrived here from Evanston Saturday evening to spend Sunday with his father, intending to return to Chicago early Monday morning. Sunday evening at 11 o'clock he was taken suddenly ill with heart failure and his physician was sent for and remained at his bedside until Mr. Morris passed away.

George A. Morris had not been in the best of health for several years, but had never been seriously ill at any time. His sudden death came as a surprise to his family and his friends.

No arrangements for the funeral will be made until the two daughters arrive here. Miss Margaret is at Colorado Springs, Col., and Miss Lucia is a student at a school for ladies at Faribault, Minn. The daughters were telegraphed for and are doubtless on their way here now.

George A. Morris was born May 27, 1858, in the city of Chicago. In that city he attended the public schools until his family moved to Dixon in 1872. For several years he attended the military school at Worcester, Mass. At the time of his death Mr. Morris was president of the Brown Mfg. Co., of Chicago.

His Business Record.

Mr. Morris went into business in Dixon with his father, James H. Morris, in 1878, starting a grocery store with a capital of $4,000, in the room now occupied by Phil Marks on Galena avenue. They continued and prospered here until 1888, when they moved into a new building a few doors south erected by St. Luke's church and where their successors, Moyer & Earll, are now located. The business grew rapidly in the enlarged quarters and they added a wholesale grocery business, conducting one of the largest businesses in this line in this part of the state. During the last four years in which they were in business their sales grew from $21,000 to nearly $200,000 annually, and they employed a force of forty people and had ten delivery wagons. In March, 1902, they sold out and the firm name James H. Morris & Son, which had been a household word for twenty-five years, passed into history. It was then that George Morris went to Chicago to devote his marked abilities to other lines of work.

COASTER WAGON STRIKES WOMAN

MRS. LUCY WOODBURN KNOCKED DOWN AND RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS.

Mrs. Lucy Woodburn, 1305 First street, while walking on Hennepin avenue, near the county jail, Saturday evening was struck by a small wagon on which four boys were coasting down the sidewalk on the avenue, just west of the jail, and was knocked down. The wagon struck her on the limbs and threw her to the sidewalk and in falling she struck the walk on her right eye rendering her unconscious, in which condition she remained for nearly one hour.

Mrs. Woodburn was carried to the home of David Shank, 114 Hennepin avenue, near where the accident occurred. A physician was called, and Mrs. Woodburn remained at the Shank home until Sunday, when she was conveyed to her own home. She is resting as well today as can be expected.

This practice of small boys coasting on the sidewalks should be stopped. Like this woman, who was deaf, many accidents are bound to occur, and some of them will be fatal. This sidewalk on Hennepin avenue is used for coasting purposes almost daily, and now is the proper time to put a stop to it, before some one gets killed.

Died in Peoria.

Friends of Miss Lena A. Ruppe, formerly of this city, received word of her death in Peoria this morning.

MRS. FRED CLARKE DIED SATURDAY

BODY BROUGHT HERE TODAY FROM MARION, IND., FOR INTERMENT.

SHE WAS A MUCH LOVED WOMAN

Her Former Pastor, Rev. J. F. Newton, Writes a Tribute to Her Memory.

Mrs. Carrie Ashley Clarke, a former resident of Dixon, who made many close friends during the years this city was her home, died Saturday morning in Marion, Ind., where the family has lived for several years. The cause of death was nervous prostration, with which she had been afflicted for many weeks. Besides her husband, Fred Clarke, she leaves two children, Winifred and Denman.

The body of Mrs. Clarke was brought to Dixon at 12:44 this noon and taken to Oakwood cemetery for interment, where a service was conducted by Rev. J. F. Newton, of the People's church. Many friends were present at the service.

A brother, Albert Ashley, and Mrs. Clarke's son, Denman Thompson Clarke, accompanied the remains here from Marion, Ind. The pall bearers were Carl C. Backus, John Null, Elmer Countryman, J. L. Hartwell, R. R. Johnson and John Grove. The remains were taken direct to Oakwood cemetery.

An Appreciation.

The following appreciation of Mrs. Carrie Ashley Clarke's life and work is from the pen of her former pastor, Rev. Joseph Newton:

Often of late—alas, all too often—have I been asked to say a sweet, kind word of the dead, but I can not refuse, indeed I beg left to write briefly of my gentle and dear friend Mrs. Carrie Ashley Clarke, whom I knew and admired for the invincibleness of her spirit, her bright intellectual traits, and the martyr-like heroism of her hard life.

Truth to tell, it is a feeling of mingled regret and relief that comes over me as I think that this brave, tireless soul has now entered into the great God-given rest—regret that she is no more with us to shame our insolence by her unwearying toil, and our low aims by her high ideals; regret that she is taken from a family whom she loved to idolatry—relief that her frail, tired body with its tattered nerves and premature age, has found peace.

I remember how a big lump used to climb up into my throat as I looked across the street and saw her working far into the wee hours of the night, working hopefully almost against hope. There were not wanting those to laugh at it, as of old there were those who jeered at Tantalus in Hell, Prometheus on his rock, and Dundon on his bed of steel. They are always with us—but not for them

"The memory of things beautiful;
The ghosts of dead dreams and failures—
Things that have never come,
And things that have grown in vain."

I remember her honorable ambition—if it was sometimes theatric at its best it was truly dramatic—and the high valor, if also the sense of sadness, of one who dared to try for the supremest heights and fell back, foiled by the old agony of inability to put the thoughts that seemed to reach the stars into words. This was the glory and the pathos of her life—the glory, I say, for it is better to come short in high endeavors than to win the low prizes.

If I cannot say that Mrs. Clarke had genius—save the genius of pity and kindness, which she had in rich abundance—she certainly had talent of a rare order—as witness her play entitled "Green Mountains," than which I have seen few more vivid and moving pictures, perfect in technique and exquisite in detail, of old New England life and character. It was worthy of the best theatre and the most fastidious audience in this land, but, alas, it was not of that catchy, melodramatic type which attracts the mon of the boxoffice. Surely it is worth having lived to ever so hard a lot to have produced that drama, and I know she felt a satisfaction in this achievement which was more than gold.

And who of us does not remember that fine stroke—the stroke which was also a hit—in "For Mother's Sake," and its portrayal of a boy who was half imp and half elf, which scored deep in our memory when acted by Marie Heath? It was the one success in her career as a writer of plays, though it was into "Green Mountains" that she put her heart full of pathos.

Here was the humanistic temperament, and the woes that go with that cast of soul—an almost supernatural sensitiveness to pain in others, especially in animals. The mystery of the life of animals, and the horse in particular, stirred her deeply, as their dumb friendship filled her with awe.

Nor do I forget her sweetness of heart, her real and tender religiousness of soul, her catholic tolerance and sympathy, and her never-failing kindness and helpfulness to others. I can make no reader understand me, how this sweet friend seems to stand before me now, wistful, pathetic, heroic, as if reluctant to say farewell' into the land whither she has gone I send this greeting, even into this land where

"Each day buries its golden sun
In a dear hopeful west."

From Friday's Telegraph.

Weidman-Shippert.

Last evening at the home of the bride's parents in Nachusa occurred the marriage of Miss Grace Weidman and Charles Shippert. The bride looked very sweet gowned in white lamasse. The couple were attended by Elizabeth Shippert, sister of the groom and Frank Weidman, brother of the bride. Miss Shippert wore white mull. The home was very prettily decorated in smilax, red hearts and white bells. The young couple will make their home on the Henry Shippert farm near Nachusa. About twenty guests were present from Dixon.

Considine-Chronister.

Last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter White on North Ottawa avenue, Mrs. Anna Considine and Mr. John A. Chronister of this city were united in marriage. Rev. Rutherford performed the ceremony in the presence of about forty relatives and friends. The bride looked very handsome gowned in white. The parlor was decorated in green and white, smilax, white carnations, roses and wedding bells being used. The dining room was in red and white, the decorations consisting of red and white flowers and hearts. A bountiful wedding supper was served immediately after the ceremony. The bride and groom were the recipients of many useful presents. They will make their home in Dixon on South Ottawa avenue.

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JACK DREW EXCUSED FOR BEING TARDY

Constable Jack Drew of Harmon, who is one of the witnesses in the Mougoven case, now on trial in the circuit court, was several hours late in getting into court this morning. Judge Farrand called Jack to the bar and asked for an explanation. Jack told the judge that he had another child born this morning. "Excused," said the judge, and the case proceeded.

Jack said that for awhile he could see the county jail staring him in the face. "I know," said Jack, "when I told the judge that a child was born at my home that that would melt his heart." Maybe the next time it won't, Jack.

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SCHOOL TREASURERS MAKE THEIR REPORTS

Nearly all of the township school treasurers have reported to County Superintendent Edwards, that all the funds loaned on personal security notes have been taken up. These treasurers will be on the first of March, entitled to their share of the distribution fund. The treasurers not reporting by the first of the month will not receive any of the distributable fund.

MANY PUPILS TAKE THE EXAMINATIONS

The dates for the Central and Final examinations in the rural schools have been set for March 15 and April 19 respectively. The class this year will be quite large, somewhere in the neighborhood of two hundred pupils being expected to take the examination.

Purchases Saloon.

Henry Coffey this morning purchased from J. C. Horrigan the saloon in Commercial alley. Mr. Cocoy assumed possession at noon today.

MUST PAY UP

After March 1, 1907, subscribers must pay one dollar a year in advance or they will be charged One Dollar and Fifty Cents per year for all subscriptions that are three months over due.

On account of increase in price of printing material, including paper, there is no profit on this paper at one dollar per year. Many years subscribers for The Telegraph---once a week---paid $2 per year.

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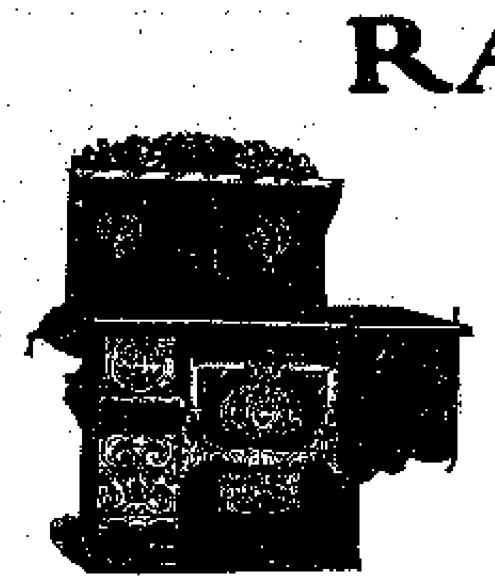

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GRAND DETOUR.

Grand Detour, Feb. 19— Davis & Palmer sawed wood for H. C. Earle and J. F. Wiley Monday.

Mrs. Ida Shrock, J. French and daughter came home Monday from near Mendota where they have been for some time with F. M. Johnson.

Mrs. Nelson of Waterlown, Wis., is visiting her brother, M. Kanzler, and family.

Miss Bess Johnson went to Oregon Monday, where she has a position in the circuit clerk's office.

Mrs. J. Pankhurst attended the W. C. T. U. in Dixon Monday.

J. F. Wiley drove to Oregon on Monday.

C. Sheffield sold hogs to R. Teechout and delivered same in Dixon on Friday.

Mrs. Will Frey was a Dixon visitor Wednesday.

J. French, mother and sisters went to Dixon Wednesday to do some shopping.

Mrs. John Munson is at Oak Ridge caring for her brother, Frank Palmer, who is sick with the grip.

Mrs. W. E. Sheffield drove to Dixon on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. R. Mon... dined sixteen ladies last Thursday with a tag tea.

A. L. Palmer came home from his work Friday.

Mrs. C. W. Johnson has gone to Oregon to spend a couple of weeks with her children.

Several from here attended the dance near Lighthouse Friday night, at the Kested home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Palmer spent Saturday in Oregon with Mrs. J. F. Cox.

R. G. Remmers and wife were visitors in Dixon Saturday.

Mrs. Will Frey went to Chicago on Saturday, to be gone a few weeks.

F. M. Johnson went to Oregon on Saturday to accept a position in the circuit clerk's office.

Thirty-one schoolmates of Gertrude and Margaret Kanzler, with their teacher, Mrs. H. C. Earll, and Mrs. Pankhurst, went to their home Saturday afternoon and gave them a surprise. They were entertained with games and music. At 5:30 they were served with a very nice supper. They were each presented with a solid silver spoon as a token of remembrance from their schoolmates and teacher. At 8 o'clock they returned to their homes, all having had a delightful time.

C. A. Sheffield and wife drove to Dixon Saturday.

Mrs. Wragg spent Sunday with her daughter Allen on the Sheffield farm.

M. ...right and wife, Mr. Hausman and wife and ... ... Miss Rose ... spent Sunday with M. Kanzler and family.

ST. JAMES.

St. James, Feb. 18— Miss Grace Blaine spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blaine. The latter has been ill with asthma and grip for three weeks.

Harry Shipse went to Dixon last evening.

There will be an ice cream and cake social at John Missman's Friday night, Feb. 22nd. Everybody invited. Come and have a good time. The proceeds are for the benefit of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Geisler were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Burket Sunday.

DIED AT THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED AND SIX

Mrs. Elizabeth Stalker, an aunt of Samuel Crawford of this city, who has many relatives in this vicinity, died last week at her home in Williamsburg, Pa., at the age of 106 years, 1 month and 23 days. At the time of her 106th birthday we printed a sketch of her life. She was a woman of wonderful vitality, as her age would indicate, and was never sick, except some trivial indisposition in recent years. Her death was the direct result of a heavy cold, terminating in heart failure. Her life has covered the most interesting years of the development of what we consider the greatest nation on earth.

Palmyra Box Social.

Frank Stitt will be the auctioneer at the basket social to be given Friday evening at the Sugar Grove church in Palmyra. Dr. McLean will give an illustrated travel lecture at 7:30. The admission is free and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

SCHORR IS BUILDING AN UP-TO-DATE BREWERY

William Groob, brew master for the Dixon Brewing company, will go to Chicago Monday morning to inspect the large ice machine which the company has purchased and which will be placed in the plant in about two weeks. Six large new vats will be placed in the plant next week; this will make a total of eleven vats in the plant. About May 1st Mr. Schorr will begin putting on the market a superior quality of bottled beer.

Miner Crushed to Death.

Augusta Christofero, a miner employed in the Spring Valley Coal company's mine in Seatonville, was killed Thursday morning about 9:30 o'clock by being crushed beneath a fall of coal. At the time of the fatal accident Christofero was working at the face of the coal, while his "buddy" was loading out coal several yards away.

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HARMON POLITICS NOT VERY ACTIVE

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICES SLOW IN ANNOUNCING INTENTIONS.

INDICATIONS OF PROSPERITY

Good Program for the Washington's Birthday Social—Many Harmon People Attend Court.

Harmon, Ill., Feb. 19.—In a couple of weeks' time nominations for town offices will have to be made. A supervisor to succeed Thos. P. Long will have to be elected. At present there are no avowed candidates seeking the office. Whether Mr. Long will again seek a nomination is not known. The name of James R. McCormick as a candidate on the democratic ticket has been mentioned.

Republican opinion has not yet crystallized into a choice but among others the name of John L. Porter, the present town clerk, has been mentioned. Candidates for minor offices have not yet put in an appearance, although these latter touch home affairs more nearly than does the supervisor. No doubt both the democrats, who are in the majority in Harmon township, and the republicans will nominate good men, so that it will make no difference of what political complexion the winner may be.

Nearly All Corn Delivered.

Very little corn was delivered to the local elevators last week on account of the scarcity of cars. This condition will continue for some time to come, according to best information available.

Farmers here are kicking because not enough cars can be obtained to move the crop promptly, but Harmon, compared with many towns in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, is in good shape, as nearly all the corn has been delivered. In many towns in the states mentioned about half of the crop is yet in the farmers' hands.

Sales Show Prosperity.

Wednesday Wm. H. Grohe held a closing out sale. Thursday was Eugene Kovats' sale day. On Friday G. F. Purcell and M. E. Gleason had sales. The prices obtained for the various articles sold were, in many cases, more than double what similar things brought three to five years ago. Then it was often hard to scratch enough money out of the cash sales to pay the auctioneer. Now from one-fifth to one third of the total amount of sales is paid in cash on the day of sale, all going to show that Mr. Farmer is in much better financial shape now than he was three years ago.

Telephone Work Stopped.

The officers of the telephone company have decided to postpone the further extension of the lines until the frost is out of the ground. This will disappoint a number of people who desire immediate service, but it cannot be helped under the circumstances.

Good Program Offered.

If you are looking for a good time on the evening of Washington's birthday, attend the basket social, literary and musical entertainment at the ... school. Miss May Conlon, teacher.

Following is the program:

Music Selection ....Nettie Purcell
Opening Address ......Laura Kovats
Song—Washington's Birthday ... . School
Recitation—The Good Old Times. ....Florence McCormick
Recitation—Something Better.... ....Bessie Eberle
Dialogue—Keeping Store ....Ten Pupils
Recitation—Which General? ....Barry Kovats
Recitation—Peter Sorghum in Love ......Richard Fitzsimmons
Dialogue—The Sewing Society.... ....Seven Pupils
Vocal Solo—When the Whip-Poor-Will Sings Marguerite........ ....Miss Tessie Garland
Recitation—A Bunch of Golden Keys ....Pearl Warner
Recitation—A Little Boy's Alphabet Story ....Harvey Johnson
Dialogue—A Sick Pupil, Seven Pupils
Reading—Selected ..Miss Eva Bauer
Recitation—Hunting a Mouse.... ....Walter Parker
Dialogue—Advertising for a Servant
Reading—Selected ....Miss Tessie Garland
Recitation—Washington's Grave.. ....Laura Kovats
Song—Our Flag .... School

Next on the program will be the sale of baskets and the good things provided by the mothers and grandmothers, and if you don't arrive by 8 o'clock you will miss a part of the program.

Many Attend Court.

The testimony of some of the Harmon witnesses in the case of Moran vs. Mongoven was taken Friday, and these returned that day. Thomas P. Long, D. D. Considine, John Drew and Samuel Mannig could not be heard until Saturday.

Those from Harmon whose testimony was heard Friday were Dr. C. E. Parker, Miss Julia Conlon, J. J. Garland, Father Thomas Smith, Thos. McInerny, Mrs. Thomas Mannion.

Besides witnesses from Harmon there were several from Sterling and Rock Falls. The defendant did not subpoena any on his behalf. So far as the witnesses are concerned, they are unanimous in hoping that the present case will settle the difficulties.

Personals.

R. S. Heckman, secretary of the Illinois Bankers' Fire Insurance company, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., transacted business in the village on Thursday.

Miss Ethel Congrove, who went to Chicago last September to engage in shorthand work, secured a position at once with Sears, Roebuck & Co., and since that time has been promoted three times, each promotion carrying an increase in salary.

John Blackburn, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is still in a critical condition.

John Behrendt, who was kicked on the right knee by a horse over a week ago, is able to hobble around now.

Deputy Sheriff Reed was in and about Harmon Thursday serving papers.

George Tennis and his mother went to Earlville Friday to visit with friends for a few days.

Miss Julia Conlon, teacher of the primary department of the Harmon schools, was one of the witnesses in the Mongoven case Friday and Saturday.

Henry Hein and C. L. Hubbard of Rock Falls attended the Geo. F. Purcell sale Friday.

George W. Swartz of Dixon transacted business in Harmon and vicinity Friday.

Harmon people had opportunity to attend a public sale each day last week.

County Surveyor Neighbour was here Thursday straightening out the kinks in some of the Harmon boundary lines.

Miss Nellie Blackburn returned from West Brooklyn Wednesday evening where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Long, for the past month.

R. A. Carter of Chicago, auditor for the Neola Elevator company, was here Saturday checking up the local business.

Mrs. Elmer Carter is suffering from an attack of the measles.

Frank Hubbard, who has been living southwest of Rock Falls, moved to the Pearl Smith place west of town last week.

A Mr. Mcanly has moved from Tampico to the Daniel Leonard farm.

It was nearly warm enough Saturday to induce spring fever, and entirely warm enough to make the roads bad.

Dr. C. E. Parker was a witness on Thursday in the trial before Judge Scott of the sanity of Mrs. Clara Wade of Van Patten. Mrs. Wade was found of unsound mind and was taken to the asylum.

MRS. C. K. NORTHRUP DIES AT ASHTON

Ashton, Ill., Feb. 19—Mrs. Mary M. M. Wright-Northrup of this village died Sunday morning at 12:30 o'clock. Deceased was the wife of ex-Postmaster C. K. Northrup, and was aged 61 years, 10 months and 23 days. She was born in Massachusetts and moved from there to Bradford township with her family when she was seven years of age. Nov. 26, 1869, she was married to Mr. Northrup and moved to Ashton where she has since resided. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Gilbert, of Chicago, and one sister and one brother, who reside in Ashton. She had been ill for about three years. The funeral was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the house and at 1:30 at the Presbyterian church.

Mongoven Case Continued.

The Mongoven case will be continued for a few days on account of the illness of the counsel for the defense. The case was to come up for trial today, when it was to have been finished.

INSPECTOR FINDS COUNTY FARM IN ORDER

W. R. Blackwelder, member of the state board of charities, visited the county farm yesterday and inspected all the buildings on the place. He reported that he found everything in good condition. He will recommend that a furnace be put in the residence and that there be some cement sidewalks constructed.

Liberal Donation.

Col. Frank O. Lowden, who was some years ago an instructor in the Burlington, Iowa, high school being invited by a committee of citizens of that city to remember the public hospital there, promptly sent his check for two hundred and fifty dollars.

Here is an indication of the colonel's liberality where there certainly is no string tied to it, as he can hardly expect political favors from the Hawk Eye state. But he never forgets friends.

Robert Sterling Deputy.

Robert Sterling was this morning sworn in as deputy county treasurer. Mr. Sterling is the oldest son of John M. Sterling. He is twenty-one years of age and is a bright young man, well qualified to perform the duties of his office.

Will Bring Body Home.

Thomas Reichardt went to Peoria this morning, called there by the death of his daughter, Miss Lena Rupee, which occurred Saturday. The remains will be brought to Dixon this evening. The funeral arrangements can not be announced until after the arrival of Mr. Reichardt with the body.

Sells Dakota Land.

S. E. Johnson has sold to Nicholas Schuchart of Ashton, 560 acres of land in Potter county, South Dakota; consideration, $14,000.

Mr. Johnson has also sold to Chris Sipple of Ashton, 160 acres in Spink county, South Dakota; consideration, $1,800.

Case Settled.

The condemnation suit of the C. & N. W. railroad vs. Wyort Veith was settled out of court.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will have a public sale at his place of residence 9 miles west of Dixon and 6 miles east of Sterling, Ill., on the river road north of the river on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1907, 31 head cattle, 4 head horses, 18 head hogs, farm machinery, 15 tons tame hay in barn. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock sharp. Free lunch at noon. Charley Schick.
D. M. Fahrney, Auct.

Public Opinion.

Public opinion is the greatest force in the affairs of men. When it is exerted to its fullest extent in politics, business or morals, nothing can successfully oppose it.

Local opinion is expressing its approbation of the well known specialist, Dr. Prettyman, by the increased patronage he is receiving. Nothing can operate against the truth of his cures. Results are what the people want, and results are what he has given them. One genuine cure is worth forty boasts, and Dr. Prettyman has supplied so many cures that there is absolutely no room for doubt in the mind of the intelligent public but that his visits here have proven of lasting benefit. His visits are regular and will continue so. You can consult him at the Nachusa Hotel, Wednesday, Feb. 20.

FOR SALE.

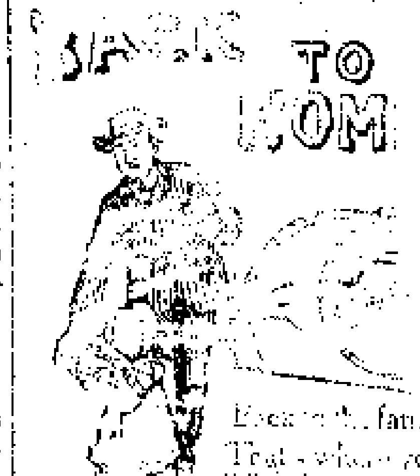
I have to offer at private sale at my farm, a team of good work horses, harness, lumber and spring wagon, and some farm machinery, all in good condition. Enquire of A. H. Bosworth at residence or call farm phone 665. 1112

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will have a public sale at E. W. Smith's farm 3½ miles west of Dixon on the river road, on Monday, Feb. 25th, the following property to wit: 46 head of cattle, 7 head of hogs. Sale commences at 1 o'clock sharp.
E. W. Smith
Anton Frick.
D. M. Fahrney, Auct.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

The undersigned having sold their farm, will have a closing out sale on their farm, 1 1-2 miles south of Dixon, on the Peoria road, on Thursday, Feb. 28th, the following property, to wit: 4 head good work horses, 5 head cattle, 15 head hogs, farm machinery. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p. m. sharp. Fuestman Bros.
D. M. Fahrney, Auctioneer.



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M. Mescall, Feb. 18.
John Hoban, Feb. 19.
George Gilroy, Feb. 20.
Albert Adams, 7 miles south of Dixon, Feb. 21.
Feb. 25—Smith & Frick.
Feb. 26—Schippert-Dachner.
Charles Shick, Feb. 27
Feb. 28—Fuestman Bros., 1 1-2 miles south of Dixon, on the Peoria road.

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Dixon, Ill., Feb. 18, 1907.

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Dairy Butter, per lb.........	22
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Ducks	11
Lard, country	10
Honey	12
Quoted by Geo. D. Laing.	
Corn, new, No. 3	35
Oats, mixed	35
Oats, white	35
Rye	50
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Hog market, good and strong, $6.65 to $6.75.

Cattle, canners and cutters, 1 1-2 to 2 cents.

Fat cows and heifers, $3 to $3.25.

I. F. Edwards
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Mary E. Hoppe, administratrix of the Estate of Robert A. Hoppe, deceased, vs Mary Calkins. } In Attachment No. 7018 Demand $...

Notice is hereby given to you, the said Mary Calkins that a Writ of Attachment has been sued out of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Lee at the suit of the said Mary E. Hoppe, Administratrix as aforesaid, and against the estate of you the said Mary Calkins, for Three Hundred and Eighty Eight and Fifty-Seven Hundredths Dollars, besides interest, directed to the Sheriff of said County to execute, which said writ has been returned by said Sheriff executed by levying on the undivided One-Fourth interest of the said Mary Calkins in and to the southwest quarter of Section Seventeen and in and to the west half of the northwest quarter of Section Twenty in Township Thirty-Seven North, Range Two, east of the Third Principal Meridian, Lee County, Ill.

Now unless you, the said Mary Calkins shall personally be and appear before the Circuit Court of said County on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden at Dixon, in said County, on the second Monday in the month of April, A. D. 1907, give special bail and plead to said action, judgment will be entered against you in favor of the said plaintiff and the property attached sold to satisfy the same, with costs.

Wm. H. McMahan, Clerk.
Dixon, Illinois, February, 2, 1907.
1125t O. F. Preston, Plaintiff's Attorney.

JOINT SALE.

The undersigned will sell at public sale on their farm 6 miles south of Dixon on the Peoria road, on Feb. 20th, the following property towit: 18 head cattle, 9 head horses, 14 head hogs, farm machinery. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock sharp. Free lunch at noon.
Fielding & Redmond.
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C. F. Welty, Clerk.

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QUESTION IS SETTLED

President and the 'Frisco Delegation Agree on the Japanese School Question.

EXCLUSION OF THE COOLIES

Is Exchanged for What the Mikado Has Demanded.

Extra Session Unless Congress Acts on the Matter—Startling Testimony in the Brownsville Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 16. — The San Francisco school controversy, growing out of the segregation of the Japanese school children in that city, has been settled. The basis of the agreement reached at the White House conference yesterday is that Mayor Schmitz and the members of the school board will, immediately after the passage of the immigration bill as reported by the conferrees in congress, abolish the Oriental schools and again admit Japanese children into the white schools. The president and Secretary Root gave the San Franciscans assurance that if the bill is not passed at this session of congress an extra session will be called immediately after the adjournment on March 4.

You Can Guess Japan's Answer.

Mayor Schmitz received the answer of the Japanese government to his proposition for separate schools from Secretary Root, and after conferring with the members of the school board he again called at the state department and informed Secretary Root that the school board had finally reached an agreement to rescind its order establishing the Oriental schools, but no action will be taken in this direction until the immigration bill, including the exclusion amendment, has been passed by congress and signed by the president. They submitted this agreement to Secretary Root in writing. The Japanese ambassador, Viscount Aoki, refused to make any comment on the situation pending further communication with his government.

Who Is to Get the Glory.

The California delegation in congress is not undivided as to whom the credit is due for the settlement of the question. Representative Hayes, who is spokesman for the delegation, declared that the "whole thing was framed up before Mayor Schmitz and the school board arrived in Washington" and intimates that "all the glory" should go to the senators and representatives. He says the agreement reached will meet with the hearty approval of the people of the Pacific coast. On the other hand Representative Kahn declares that Mayor Schmitz did it all and that the Pacific coast owes Schmitz a great debt of gratitude.

BROWNSVILLE IS ACCUSED

Witness Tells of a Plot to Massacre Negro Soldiers.

Washington, Feb. 16. — Startling testimony concerning alleged plans to massacre colored soldiers at Brownsville, Tex., by men from the town firing over the barracks to stampede the soldiers, and challenge to them to come out of the barracks was given by negro ex-soldiers at the investigation before the senate committee on military affairs. The most sensational story told was that of William Mapp, who was a member of company C, Twenty-fifth infantry. He was on the stand when the hearing adjourned.

Mapp was asked if he had ever heard any discussion of the shooting which caused him to suspect any persons of complicity. He replied that at breakfast on the morning following the shooting he had heard Wilbur Voschelle, the reservation corral boss, and a white man who had been in charge of the corral prior to the arrival of a battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry, discussing the case. According to Mapp's story Voschelle said: "Well, it is a good thing it happened as it did. I was out in town last night and the crowd came in front of me; the plan was to catch a lot of your fellows in Allison's saloon and massacre you."

Mapp said that the remark was not addressed to him and that he did not question Voschelle. He said that Allison is the ex-soldier who had started the saloon for the purpose of getting the negro soldier trade, the other saloons having barred the members of the negro battalion. Voschelle is now in Washington, having been subpoenaed as a witness.

Before giving this testimony Mapp said that on the night of the shooting he had been awakened by the firing, and had gone to the window of his quarters and from there he saw several gun flashes and the shots seemed to be directed over the barracks. A man with a deep voice, he said, shouted "Come out you black [illegible]," a challenge that was repeated several times. As to the direction of the shooting and the challenge Mapp was corroborated by Thomas Jefferson, a band orderly of company C, and Solomon P. O'Neill, ex-member of company C.

MADDEN AND THE EDITORS

Says He Does Not Know Why They Want His Scalp.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden was shown a dispatch from St. Paul announcing the adoption by the Minnesota Editorial association of resolutions calling for his "disbarment," and declaring that he had proved himself inefficient in office, because of his recommendations as to second class matter. "I suppose," said he, "that the advocates of the resolution want my official head. Just why, I do not know unless it be because I have advocated the placing of all printed matter in one class and the charging of a uniform rate for its transmission through the mails. It is extremely difficult to administer the law respecting such matter as it now stands with absolute justice to the [illegible] or [illegible] else.

"I [illegible] by the courts, and in thirty nine of these my decisions have been sustained [illegible] I would do what is right as I see it. My own belief is that it would be much better simply to classify all such matter as 'printed' and let the fact that it is 'printed' determine its classification and the rate at which it may be transmitted through the mails. What that rate shall be is perfectly immaterial to me. It may be 4 cents a pound, as I have suggested, or 3 cents, or any amount that congress might fix."

Senate and House in Brief.

Washington, Feb. 16. — An agreement to vote today on the conference report on the immigration bill, which includes the provision intended to settle the California-Japanese question, was reached in the senate as the result of an entire day of discussion on that measure.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying in round numbers $98,000,000, passed the house. An effort was made by Burton to reduce the number of battleships authorized in the bill, but it was defeated, and two battleships of the Dreadnaught type are provided for. The postoffice appropriation bill was taken up and its consideration begun.

They Piped the Booze.

London, Feb. 16.—A scheme of a firm of distillers to defraud the government is reported to have been unearthed by inland revenue officers. The latter discovered a system of underground pipes through which whisky was conveyed from the distillery to the duty-paid warehouse, whence it was distributed among the trade, thus escaping the tax of $2.75 a gallon.

Committee Thinks It Over.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A bill conforming in a measure to President Roosevelt's recommendation for the leasing of coal lands by the government rather than their sale has been decided upon by the house committee on public lands, which reconsidered its action in reporting a bill which was widely at variance with the suggestions made by the president.

Reciprocity In Coal Is Dead.

Washington, Feb. 16. — The house committee on ways and means has decided to indefinitely postpone consideration of the Williams bill for reciprocal of free trade in coal between the United States and Canada.

Silver Is Going Up.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The treasury department purchased 100,000 ounces of silver for delivery at the Philadelphia mint at 69.660 cents per fine ounce.

JURY TO TRY STEVE ADAMS

Both Sides Exhaust Their Challenges—Rejected Because He Was a W. F. M. Man.

Wallace, Ida., Feb. 16.—In the trial of Steve Adams for murder Judge Woods gave the state permission to add the name of Witness W. B. Hopkins to the information, in spite of the protests of the defense. Jack Simpkins was ruled off the jury on the ground that he is a member of the Western Federation of Miners, which is paying for the defense of Adams. The defense took exception.

A jury for the trial of Steve Adams, charged with the murder of Fred Tyler, has been completed. All challenges were exhausted by both the prosecution and defense. The jury, by permission of the court, attended a performance of a comic opera company last night in charge of a bailiff. The prosecution made its opening statement this morning.

Why Didn't He Name Him?

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 16.—After scoring lobbyists generally from the chair Speaker Seaman in the lower house of the legislature said, apparently addressing some individual not named: "And to you, sir, who offered to furnish means to secure votes for your bill, I will say I know you and now see you are on the floor, and will say you must not again insult the intelligence and manhood of the members of the house." Speaker Seaman's remarks created a sensation.

Another Larchmont Survivor Dies.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 16. — James Vann, of Fayetteville, N. C., a colored steward of the Larchmont, is dead of pneumonia. This leaves only seven [illegible] whose lives were saved from the wreck. An investigation into the charges against the ship's officers and crew is proceeding at New London, Conn. There are only twelve unidentified bodies now at the morgue here and there are no further recoveries of bodies reported from Block Island.

Funeral of Ex-Gov. Higgins.

Olean, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Funeral services over the body of ex-Governor Frank W. Higgins were held at the family residence and at the church. They were in charge of Rev. Dr. Ashton, rector of St. Stephen's church, of which Gov. Higgins had been a vestryman for twenty years. Governor Hughes, ex-Governor Hill and other distinguished New Yorkers were present.

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Pioneer Builder a Great Benefactor to the Country.

His Work as a Developer—Some Remarks About Railway Profits Alleged and "Water" in Stocks.

New York, Feb. 16.—At the annual banquet of the Iowa society of this city, held in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, Theodore P. Shonts was one of the chief speakers, and devoted his remarks to the transportation question. He spoke in part as follows:

Is Not an Iowa Man.

"Our president speaks of me as a son of Iowa, but the designation is not strictly accurate. I was born of Dutch parentage in Pennsylvania. I was brought up in Iowa and educated in Illinois. My business headquarters are in Ohio, and the only home I own is in Alabama. I have drifted into the Knickerbocker company in New York city by way of Washington and the isthmus of Panama. If in reaching this city I have traveled by a roundabout road, you know that 'The next way home's the farthest away about,' and I venture to hope that as the son of a Dutchman I shall not be entirely unwelcome in the home of Father Knickerbocker.

What the Railways Have Done.

"In speaking to you this evening I shall briefly state the conclusions to which my studies of the transportation problem have led me. Railroads have made possible our continental expansion, and our industrial growth. Had it not been for railroads our population would now only fringe the seaboard, life streams and our commerce [illegible] be [illegible] to such traffic as [illegible] profitably carried on the waterways. Railroads could not have been built without money nor could they be maintained without remunerative rates.

Hands One to the Farmer.

"Had [illegible] present prosperity be [illegible] profits to [illegible] vested [illegible] of railroads [illegible] of railroad [illegible]. The pioneer railroad builder who risked bankruptcy and usually faced it was to a [illegible] extent [illegible] the increment resulting from his successful venture than the pioneer farmer who procured government land at 50 cents an acre and saw it [illegible] value to $50 an acre because of the construction of the railroads.

BIG CHANGE OF CONDITIONS

Comment on the Much-Discussed Matter of "Water."

"Conditions have changed. Whereas the struggle a few years ago was to secure traffic to fill the railroad facilities existing the struggle today is to provide facilities to properly handle the traffic proffered. But does this change in conditions justify a complete change in financial methods? Now that the growth of traffic has at last overtaken and passed the capacity of the railroads to handle it, and has brought the earning power of the railroads up to a fairly remunerative point on the securities outstanding, is it just to say that the stockholders, who have stood firm through many years of storm and stress and fought the long battle through to victory, must stand on equal footing with the mere outsider?

"There are two sides to this question. It is no doubt true that some accumulations and hardships have grown out of allowing stockholders to subscribe exclusively for new issues of securities but may it not also follow that with the extra profits thus received taken away from them there may be difficulty in raising funds to provide money for the improvements now demanded. The question of whether outstanding securities are watered or not depends largely on the point of view. If by watered stock we mean that the outstanding securities do not represent cash paid in at their par value then the securities of practically every corporation are to a greater or less extent watered.

"But if you look at the situation from the point of view that none of the leading railway systems of the country can be duplicated for the amount of money which their securities represent, then to a large extent there is no water in outstanding stocks. In view of the enormous risks which always come with the construction and operation of railroads [illegible] the facilities [illegible] constantly growing traffic, I personally doubt the wisdom of passing limitations on the amount of returns stockholders who put their money into this class of investments should receive.

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"The situation is a grave one. If the various states continue arbitrarily to reduce rates, as some of them are doing, and the various labor organizations continue to press their demands for increased wages and shorter hours, the next unprecedented crop harvested in this country will be a record breaking crop of receiverships. I wish to say and with all possible emphasis that in my judgment the time has come for fair treatment to both sides of this controversy. In other words the time has come for what the president calls a 'square deal,' but we want it all around."

A plea for a merchant marine adequate to exploit the product of United States machinery and handicraft, by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, preceded the speech of Chairman Shonts.

THAW CASE IS RESTING

But the Gossip Over It Is Doing Overtime Work—As to the Insanity Matter.

New York, Feb. 16. The trial of Harry K. Thaw is resting until Monday, but gossip and speculation is working overtime and columns could be filled with the stuff that is being printed here. There are a few matters, however, that can be given as facts. A statement issued from the district attorney's office replies to one rumor—that Jerome would demand a lunacy commission to look Thaw up in a mad house if he is acquitted on insanity grounds. The statement in brief is that Jerome does not know whether Thaw is insane or not; if the defense's experts or any of them will say Thaw is now insane Jerome will apply for a commission in lunacy.

Another authoritative statement comes from Harry McPike, one of the counsel for the defense, as to the resumption of the trial if Bolton continues on the jury. He says the defense will finish with Dr. Evans, then recall Dr. Wagner to tell of conversations which were ruled out last week; then Mrs. Harry Thaw will complete her story and then the defendant's mother will testify. The will of Harry Thaw will then be presented and the family physician of the Thaws will be heard. Then the defense will rest.

There seems no doubt now that Juror Bolton will be in his seat Monday, ready to go on with the trial.

CLANRICARDE SORT OF WAKES

He Will Fight a Liberal Scheme to Have Him Declared Practically Irresponsible.

London, Feb. 16. Lord Clanricarde has announced his intention of making a hard fight against the proposal made in the house of commons by Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, which he describes as an "atrocity and an eastern barbarism," tantamount to treating him as a lunatic.

Birrell's proposal was to introduce a bill to deprive Lord Clanricarde of the management of his Irish estate, on the ground of his lordship's incompetency in refusing to reinstate evicted tenants, and to hand over the management to a special commission which would act in the best interests of the landlord, the tenants and Ireland itself.

Suffragists to Raise a Fund.

Chicago, Feb. 16. The National Woman's Suffrage convention decided that at least $50,000 should be raised for the memorial to Susan B. Anthony. The money is to be used to found a permanent fund for the spread of the tenets of the suffragists. The convention at once started to raise the fund, and in less than an hour the delegates had pledged $23,800.

Protest Against a Prison.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The bill introduced in the legislature providing for the erection of a state prison near Poughkeepsie to take the place of the Sing Sing prison has brought out an emphatic protest from President James M. Taylor, of Vassar college. There are 1,000 young women from all parts of the country at Vassar, Taylor says.

Merger of Traction Lines.

Cincinnati, Feb. 16.—The merger of all the traction lines in southwestern Ohio and eastern Indiana, involving a total capital of $100,000,000, is now under way and may be completed in the early future, according to a story published in The Times-Star.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE

Madrid cable: If it's a boy it will be called Alfonso; if a girl Christina.

President Eliot, of Harvard, is in favor of educational segregation for negroes when their numbers justify it.

William J. Bryan will lecture at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, Chicago, Feb. 19, for the benefit of the Central department Y. M. C. A.

The Oklahoma constitutional convention has postponed indefinitely action on the "Jim Crow" car proposition.

The Idaho senate has indefinitely postponed action on the anti-pass bill which passed the house.

The Kansas senate has adopted a resolution barring representatives of the Kansas City Star from the floor or galleries of the senate, because of some "criticism."

The diphtheria epidemic at Ithaca, N. Y., has struck Cornell university, two students having been taken ill.

Horatio Nelson Davis, father of the [illegible] died. He was [illegible] and [illegible] at Buffalo, N. Y.

Ernest W. Kruger, formerly city editor of The Westliche Post, St. Louis, is dead at that city, aged 75 years.

Governor Comer has approved the bill reducing passenger rates in Alabama from 3 cents to 2½ cents.

As the result of being scratched by a hatpin Howard L. Miller, 20 years old, is dead at Lestershire, N. Y.

Hiram Pickering, of Tioga, Pa., was killed, and Dr. S. P. Hakes severely hurt in an automobile accident on a bridge near Wellsboro, Pa.

Alladin, the Russian revolutionist who is in this country lecturing, predicts that millions of Russians will starve this year, and that the new Russian parliament is doomed.

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NEGROES, MASKED, ATTEND SWELL DANCE

White Women Their Partners and Fight Starts When the Masks Are Removed.

Hyannis, Neb., Feb. 16.—Frank Shepherd and Sam Minn, negro cooks who last night attended a masquerade ball and in their disguises danced with the belles of the town, have defied arrest with the assistance of their razors since the time they unmasked when the ball was over. Two of the favorite costumes of the evening represented George Washington and Uncle Sam. The men wearing them were good dancers and their programs were filled. When they unmasked later at a saloon they nearly precipitated a race riot. They resisted arrest, but the citizens are determined and expect to place them in custody on the charge of disturbing the peace.

Attorney Elmer E. Hills, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hills and a former resident of Dixon, is quite ill with scarlet fever at his home on the North Side in Chicago. The family is under strict quarantine.

A basket social will be held in the Sugar Grove church on Thursday evening, Feb. 21. There will be a program at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. C. C. McLean of the Methodist church in this city will deliver his delightful lecture-travelogue, "To, Into and Out of Wonderland." After the program the baskets will be sold. No admission will be charged.

FLASHES OF FASHION

FACTS AND FANCIES.

Taffeta a Modish Trimming—Gowns of a New York Girl.

Taffeta is used more this season as a trimming than for whole frocks. A deep hem on the bottom of a cloth skirt, possibly waved at the top and edged with braid, is a popular way of employing the silk.

A picture gown of white accordion plaited chiffon in empire style is trimmed with bands and braces of ermine. The band about the waist is of black moire finished high at the back with an old world buckle, giving an empire effect. The little frilled sleeves and chemisette are of white brussels net.

Hand painted chiffon over radium silk is charming. It ought to be in view of the fact that such a gown costs as much as a half dozen ordinary ones. A New York society girl who could have gowns of spun diamonds if she took the idea into her head has a chiffon gown of pale rose with petals

PLAID COAT—5551.

of the flowers and a few leaves sprinkled over the surface. The underlining is of a deeper rose, and there are many ruffles of lace as fine as cobwebs, with little rosebuds looping them in place.

Plaid coats for the wee tots are very smart. Here is an attractive little model that is trimmed with velvet bands, the colors of which are dull greens and blues. The model is one of the new ones that give the box plaited effect in front.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

New Skirt Models—Knitted Automobile Scarfs Latest Fad.

The new skirts are flat and broad in the back. The round, becoming effect is not considered first style nowadays.

Made by a skillful dressmaker, the empire skirt is one to be sought after by the woman who likes to keep in the front rank of fashion. It is empire from the bust to the long sweeping train without seams or darts except down the back and center of front. It must fit smoothly at the sides and over the abdomen or all style is lost. With the skirt are worn an attached blouse of some thin material and a short square bolero jacket just reaching to the top of the empire skirt.

The new automobile scarfs are very attractive. They are knitted of silk,

IN FASHIONABLE RED—5547, 5858.

like coarse purse silk, in the plain stitch they used to knit wash rags in pastel shades as wide as an old fashioned woolen scarf. On each end is a fringe of silk about half an inch deep. They come in blue, green, brown and other colors.

There are plenty of new shapes in muffs, but the flat pillow muff is the most popular. The bigger and softer the better, so far as fashion is concerned. Of course the elbow or three-quarter sleeve is at the bottom of this increasing size in muffs.

All the deep rich shades of red are in vogue for indoor wear this season, and they are especially desirable in henrietta and cashmere. The gown in the cut is of red henrietta, known as geranium color, and is trimmed with velvet ribbon and string colored lace.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

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Every mother feels a great dread of the pain and danger attendant upon the most critical period of her life. Becoming a mother should be a source of joy to all, but the suffering and danger incident to the ordeal makes its anticipation one of misery. Mother's Friend is the only remedy which relieves women of the great pain and danger of maternity; this hour which is dreaded as woman's severest trial is not only made painless, but all the danger is avoided by its use. Those who use this remedy are no longer despondent or gloomy; nervousness, nausea and other distressing conditions are overcome, the system is made ready for the coming event, and the serious accidents so common to the critical hour are obviated by the use of Mother's Friend. "It is worth its weight in gold," says many who have used it. $1.00 per bottle at drug stores. Book containing valuable information of interest to all women, will be sent to any address free upon application to

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TESSIE THE WAITRESS.

The Reason That Faithful No. 12 Took a Day Off.

Like the fated duchess in Browning's poem, Tessie smiled upon all men. No matter how intricate the order or how many times you sent things back, she never grumbled. There was always a struggle to get a seat at her table. "The boys" who regularly gathered in the downtown restaurant at half past 12 would wait fifteen minutes for the privilege of being served by Tessie. They joked her a good deal and always were rewarded by a flashing smile and a twinkle of the eye, a bit of repartee or perhaps a little extra attention to their order. But never did one of them presume upon her friendliness and bon camaraderie to overstep the very certain line which she had drawn between herself and those whom she served. She was young, piquant and pretty, but she "mothered" them all, and, no matter how tenderly she might ask if the eggs were just right or the coffee hot, they knew that it was useless to misinterpret that "mothering."

Tessie stayed in the downtown lunch room just three years. From the day she came the manager's discerning eye discovered a prize in her, and from the ladies' table she was promoted to one where masculinity and tips were more frequent. If a waitress were absent, Tessie was always given the "extra" table to serve, and she never complained. Tessie was never tardy, never too ill to work, never distrait or careless. Tirelessly she went up and down with her arms full of dishes and food. "The boys" used to speculate sometimes upon Tessie's matrimonial possibilities and hazard guesses as to what they would do when some fellow carried her off to wait on himself exclusively. But in time she became such a fixture that they ceased wondering why such a pretty girl was forced to work in a quick lunch room and gave up the thought that she would ever marry at all.

That is why they were very much surprised one day when they arrived to find no Tessie. Another waitress tried to take her place, but nobody got what he wanted, and nothing went right. They had been so used to depending upon Tessie's suggestions and her memory that the new waitress had a hard time of it. Finally in a fit of the grouch one of the boys called the manager over.

"Say," he demanded, "where's Tessie?"

The manager lifted his eyebrows politely.

"Tessie?" he began. "Oh, you mean No. 12. She will be back tomorrow."

The next morning Tessie appeared as usual. The crowd of young clerks greeted her with a whoop.

"Where have you been?" they demanded.

Tessie looked at them for a moment. Her fingers gripped the edge of the table, and two big tears rose to her eyes.

"I—I stayed home yesterday," she said chokingly, "to—to go to my husband's funeral."

The clerks looked at one another blankly.

"Your husband!" exclaimed somebody.

"Yes," said Tessie simply. "He's dead. He had been ill three years—consumption." And then she hurried away to the kitchen to give her orders and wipe her tear stained face.—New York Press.

BUSINESS PROVERBS.

Not the big earner, but the wise investor, is the future capitalist.

The wise man knows that wealth is not worth getting save for the purpose of using and so gets after it early.

Investment is putting money into chicken farming; speculation is counting the chickens before they are hatched.

The chap who does his work indifferently because he thinks he is above his job thereby proves his unfitness for the job that is above him.

The man who yields to honest persuasion slowly and imperceptibly, as rock to water, may make a loyal investor when won. But he who is quick to lay hold of a good investment makes the most money.

Multitudes of people sleep soundly nights, believing their savings to be protected in the banks, not dreaming that the banks have invested them in business enterprises that the depositors themselves declined to buy shares in because they thought their earnings were too large to be safe.—Cent Per Cent.

Jarring Realism.

A popular novelist described at a dinner in New York the difference between realism and romanticism in fiction. "To make my meaning clearer," said the author, "I will take the case of a young man and a girl—sweethearts. The young man, a romanticist, said passionately to his girl, 'Darling, it shall be my life's one purpose to surround you with every comfort and to anticipate and gratify your every wish.' The girl, a realist, smiled faintly as she answered, 'Oh, Jack, how good of you, and all on $9 a week too!'"

Marrying an Opera Company.

The late "Aunt" Louisa Eldridge, meeting a reporter on one of the New York papers, learned that Lillian Russell was to be married to Signor Perugini.

"Isn't she clever?" quoth Mrs. Eldridge. "Why, she first married a leader of the orchestra, then a composer of comic operas, and now she will wed a tenor. Bless my heart! If she keeps on, she'll have an entire operatic outfit of her own."

MISS DIXON MYSTERY

Some People Seem to Think That Alleged Brother Is Simply a Myth.

FRIENDS HAVE BAILED HER OUT

But Nobody Can Find Out the Whereabouts of the Brother—W. D. Barr's "Thirteens."

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 16.—Friends of Miss Helen Dixon, who was arrested on the charge of embezzling $1,300 from the Gleaners' society of the Second Baptist Christian church, secured $1,500 bonds for her and she was released from the city jail, where she had spent twenty-four hours. Mystery was added to the case by the failure of the girl's brother, to whom she claims she sent the money, to attempt to communicate with her here, though it is thought he must have heard of her predicament.

Her Brother Is Mysterious.

Miss Dixon adheres rigidly to her story of where the money went, though she is unable to give the address of this mysterious brother. All day long she was subjected to questions regarding him and regarding the missing money. Attorney W. R. Bach, acting for the church, was unable to get any more information from her, and to a lawyer who was retained for her by friends she told the same story. It is known that Miss Dixon lost two brothers during the last year, one dying in California and one being killed in a wreck. She did not attend the funeral of either.

Does Not Talk of Her Past.

She came to Bloomington about four years ago a comparative stranger and always was reticent about her past and her family connections. So far as known, she has never been visited by any of her relatives, although she received many letters. Just before she was arrested it is alleged, she burned a large package of letters.

Reported Short Before.

There is another development that may be of importance. Miss Dixon was treasurer of a local lodge of Maccabees, a fraternal insurance order. A shortage of $68, it is claimed, was revealed in her accounts. Fellow members of the order are alleged to have made good the amount, and the story did not become public until now.

Said to Have Met a Man.

There are also rumors of her meeting recently at the Union station a strange man, and with whom she held long conversations. The authorities are inclined to believe it is this stranger who secured the money, and they scoff at the brother story.

MYSTERIOUS "THIRTEENS"

Two of Them Found on a Ring Worn by the Long Missing Willard D. Barr.

Paris, Ill., Feb. 16.—It develops that the late Willard D. Barr, the missing Lawrence county (Ill.) horticulturist, whose body was found on the banks of the Wabash river, at Vincennes, Ind., where it was left face downward by the recent flood, was drowned on the morning of Jan. 13. His watch stopped at 4:31 o'clock. He was last seen on the evening of Jan. 12.

His body was found on Feb. 13, just one month afterward, and on his finger was a broad band ring, on which was deeply cut, in two places, the figures "13." One of the "13's" was in plain figures, and the other in Roman type. Barr is thought to have been crazed with grief, and to have committed suicide. The family now makes public that his wife went to Lott, Tex., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Crump, after which she wrote to her husband that she had no intention of returning.

Died of Too Much Whisky.

Paris, Ill., Feb. 16.—John Kruse, a Swede, employed in the blacksmithing department of the Cummings-McGuire car factory in this city, died of acute alcoholism in the city prison. He had been dissipating to excess, and he applied at the police station for lodgings. His condition was not regarded as serious till a few minutes before the end came, and it was then too late for medical aid.

Suit Against the Central.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—The brief and argument of Attorney General Stead against the motion to dismiss by the Illinois Central railroad were filed in the supreme court in the case in which the state asks for an accounting and payment of back taxes alleged to be due the state. The railroad company was given five days by the court in which to file a reply to the attorney general's brief.

Crazy Over the Thaw Case.

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 16.—His mind wrecked by reading of the Thaw case August Rudolph, of Janesville, Wis., was locked up here. Rudolph said he was on his way to New York, having accepted a fee of $[illegible] to testify as an expert in [illegible]. He said his evidence would clear Thaw.

Bank Safe Is Rifled.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 16.—The safe of the Bank of [illegible] was cracked at [illegible] m. by five burglars and $1,[illegible] in gold, $1,[illegible] in currency and many valuable papers were stolen. W. W. Butler, who owns the bank, lives across the street. He chased the burglars, but they escaped.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

CHECKS IT HAS RECEIVED AT THE HANDS OF THE COMMONS.

The Long Parliament Put the Peers Out of Business Altogether For a Number of Years—Bolingbroke's Way With the Noble Lords.

There is an idea in the minds of very many persons that the British house of lords is supreme and can do pretty well what it pleases. This, however, is a mistake. On several notable occasions their noble lordships have been paralyzed and have got very much the worst of it in stormy encounters with the gentlemen of the house of commons.

The first occasion on which this happened was when the peers ventured to differ with the long parliament, which was at the time engaged in a life and death struggle with Charles I. The commons on this occasion wasted no valuable time in talking, but promptly abolished the lords altogether and turned them, archbishops, dukes, belted earls and all the rest of the gorgeous coroneted crowd, into the street. The gilded chamber was vacant.

For half a dozen years or so the country got on without any house of lords.

All the checks the house of lords have received have not been of such a drastic nature as this, of course.

Various ministries, finding that the peers were unwilling to pass their proposed bills, have resorted to the threat to create enough new peers to swamp the house of lords. These new peers would, of course, have been pledged beforehand to vote for the ministry creating them.

In 1711 the prime minister of the day, the daring and unscrupulous Viscount Bolingbroke, was anxious to terminate the desolating and ruinous war with France, which had been raging on and off for twenty years.

To effect this purpose he had drawn up the treaty of Utrecht. It was necessary at that time that lords and commons should agree to a treaty before it would become valid. The commons assented to the treaty, but the lords declared that they would have none of it and that the war must go on, whereupon Bolingbroke coolly but firmly informed them that, rather than see himself defied by them, he would create a whole army of new peers to vote for the treaty.

The story goes that he had a regiment of the Life guards paraded under the windows of the house of lords and threatened to make every trooper into a noble lord if driven to it. He did make twelve new peers, and then the lords gave in.

The Liberal government of 1832, with Earl Grey as prime minister, used the same threat. They wished to pass the first reform bill. The lords hated this bill bitterly.

Until then they had been practically an oligarchy, with all the real power in their hands. The franchise had been so limited that only rich men, and generally only the nominee of some great nobleman, could get into parliament.

The reform bill altered that. It gave the smaller men a chance. The lords expressed their deliberate intention of wrecking the bill.

Earl Grey retorted by extorting from King William IV.—who didn't like reform bills, but dared not oppose the wish of the nation for fear of a revolution—permission to call up to the house of lords as many new peers as should be necessary to carry his bill.

The mere threat was enough for the lords. They had no wish to see their order made cheap and ridiculous, as would have been the case had peers become as plentiful as blackberries.

It used to be the custom in the British army for all officers' commissions to be purchased. That is, an officer, instead of getting into the army by means of a competitive examination and rising by merit, came straight from school, without knowing anything of the new duties he was about to assume, and had a commission bought for him. After that, instead of being promoted as a reward for his services, he used to buy each promotion.

If he had no money his chances of being promoted were about a thousand to one. The result was that officers who had grown gray in the service and fought in many battles remained subordinates all their lives, while the sons of wealthy families who had not seen a quarter of their service jumped over their heads by having their way purchased up for them to be colonels and generals.

Mr. Gladstone decided to do away with this purchase system. The lords did not wish it to be abolished. Consequently, when Mr. Gladstone introduced a bill to abolish purchase in the army the house of lords was not disposed to give it a kind reception.

They threw out the bill and imagined that they had won a glorious victory. But Mr. Gladstone found that Queen Victoria had the power to abolish purchase in the army by her own act if she pleased. He induced the queen to do this by means of a royal warrant.

And the house of lords could no more interfere with a royal warrant than they could knock the dome off St. Paul's by throwing their coronets at it.—Pearson's London Weekly.

Man and Woman.

"Man, composed of clay, is silent and ponderous," preached Jean Raulin in the fifteenth century, "but woman gives evidence of her osseous origin by the rattle she keeps up. Move a sack of earth and it makes no noise; touch a bag of bones and you are deafened with the clitter clatter."—London Chronicle.

The laws of conscience which we pretend are derived from nature proceed from nature.—Montaigne.

13th Year at Dixon

RELIABLITY

DIXON, ILL., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20,1907

By doing good, conscientious work, curing the curable and refusing to treat the incurable, Dr. Prettyman has established a reputation here in Lee county that insures him a large practice in the future as he always had in the past. Returning every four weeks his next visit will be Dixon, Ill., Friday, January 25th. 1907, Nachusa House, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Dr. Prettyman has had 18 years experience in the treatment of chronic diseases. Quick, positive cures. Get well now. Read carefully every word of the following.

EYE AND EAR DISEASES.

Dimness of sight, Growths over Sight, Granulated Lids, Inflammation of Eye Balls, Weak, Watery Eyes, Etc., treated and cured after the common everyday treatment has failed. No suffering from his new treatment.

EAR DISEASES, such as ringing, roaring noises, discharges, catarrhal deafness, treated by his new germicidal treatment. It is indeed a medical revolution. The greatest, grandest and best discovery of the age.

CATARRH, acute or chronic polypi in the nose, enlarged tonsils, weak voice, ulcerated throat, bronchial catarrh, pain in chest, asthma, bronchitis treated in a manner that insures success to the doctor and return to health for the patient.

STOMACH, LIVER, HEART DISEASES, the cause of suffering, loss of flesh, loss of appetite, bloating, belching, misery, can be cured. We insure to cure all cases undertaken.

BLOOD POISON—All who come in the first or second stages of this disease we will cure without their ever having any more ulcers, more patches in the mouth, nose or throat, falling hair, or any scar or disfigurement that would let the world know they had been treated.

DISEASES OF WOMEN successfully treated.

NERVOUS DISEASES.

Epilepsy, Nervous Prostration, Rheumatism, Etc., treated.

WEAK WOMEN! Why remain so longer? Under skillful treatment you can be cured, thus bringing happiness to yourself and others.

DISEASES OF MEN.

NERVOUSNESS, Weakness, etc., quickly cured. All diseases of the kidneys, bladder, genital or urinary system, by new methods. Prompt and efficient cures.

STRICTURE. This is a trouble found in hundreds of cases, and often neglected because the old way of cutting was severe, and would not insure positive results. Dr. Prettyman cures those cases permanently in a short time without pain or knife.

VARICOCELE—A frequent trouble and a source of much annoyance, the evil effects of which are well known. Besides producing weakness, pain, etc., it causes losses, shrinkage and irritation. Our method after five years trial, has proven effective and not a failure has been noted.

SPERMATORRHOEA, Seminal Weakness, Loss of Power, Impotency, the cause of so much suffering in mind and body, the ban of Life, the disease that wrecks thousands and thousands of lives every year, blasts future hopes, render existence miserable, makes young and old men unfit for business or pleasure, are curable. A speedy and permanent cure guaranteed in all cases treated.

Dr. Prettyman.

4160 INDIANA AVE., CHICAGO, ILL.

PASTOR'S WIFE BURNED TO DEATH BY KEROSENE

Lamp Explodes in Mrs. Rathman's Hands at Hinkley, Ill.—Woman Dies From Her Injury.

(Sterling Gazette, Nov. 1.)

The explosion of a kerosene lamp Wednesday evening resulted fatally to Mrs. Ernest Rathman of Hinkley, Ill. Mrs. Rathman was retiring to her room shortly after 9 o'clock and had proceeded up the stairway a few steps when the lamp she was carrying exploded. Coa oil covered her clothing and in a moment she was a mass of flames. The family rushed to her assistance, but before help could be given the victim was unconscious. Physicians were called, but the accident resulted in her death at four o'clock in the morning.

Mrs. Rathman was the wife of Rev. Ernest Rathman, pastor of the Hinkley Evangelical church. She was prominent in Aurora society and had many friends.

LITTLE CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH BY KEROSENE OIL.

Bessie Scotchbrook, Aged Five Victim of Terrible Accident.

Explosion Ignited Clothing and Unfortunate Child Died 3 Hours Later—Was Conscious to the End.

(Sterling Gazette, Nov. 6.)

Bessie Scotchbrook, the little five year old daughter of Mrs. William Scotchbrook of Unionville, near Morrison, was fatally burned Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and died at 6 o'clock last evening. The mother of the unfortunate child is a widow and with three children lives in Unionville. Two of the children go to school leaving the mother and little girl at home alone. Mrs. Scotchbrook had put some kindling in the stove preparatory to building a fire, and left the room to go into the yard to get some stove wood, and in her absence the little girl poured a quantity of kerosene on the kindling and ignited it, with the result that there was a sudden explosion and the little victim's clothing caught fire and she was soon enveloped in a mass of flames. She immediately rushed into the yard to call her mother, but Mrs. Scotchbrook being very much frightened called for a neighbor man who came and with an old coat extinguished the flames, but too late, the little girl's flesh was burned to a crisp and in taking clothing off the flesh peeled off with the shreds of garments, and the child died after three hours. The nerve centers were so badly burned that the little child suffered no pain and was conscious to the last, and told her mother that she knew she had been naughty but would not be so any more. She was an especially bright and attractive little girl, and will be sadly missed in her home and the community.

County Coroner J. G. Limerick of Rock Falls and jury held an inquest over the body this afternoon, and brought in a verdict of death being due to accidental burning.

The funeral services will be held some time Thursday afternoon and interment will be made in the Morrison cemetery.

Thousands of people each year suffer the same fate as the above, though the account of such accidents does not come to our notice. The above articles appeared in the local papers of the last week. Hinkley is not far from us, neither is Unionville. About fifteen miles from Dixon. These accidents were from the use of kerosene. If kerosene will do this deadly work, what do you think of the use of gasolene? Gasolene is ten time smore dangerous than kerosene. We all know that to be a fact. Then, can you afford to risk the life of your wife, or of your child, and the destruction of your home by the use of kerosene or gasolene? Think of the horrible deaths suffered by such accidents, yourself, your wife or child (often both) may be the next victim.

A few cents per day pays for lighting your house by gas or electric light.

LEE COUNTY LIGHTING CO

IS A GENEROUS SOUL

So Generous That She Gives Away Money That Belongs to Other People.

DIXON SHORTAGE IS MADE GOOD

Church "Digs It Up" Out of Its Own Pocket—Novel Settlement of a Slander Case.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 19.—The first formal statement made by the lawyer engaged by Helen Dixon, under indictment on charges of embezzling $1,800 of church funds and of forgery, has been given out. He said that there was no mystery about the disposition of the money she is short. He believed that Miss Dixon was generous to a fault; that she was fond of luxuries and that she had simply spent the money or given it away in small sums until all was gone.

Didn't "Intend" to Steal.

Miss Dixon's friends says she has been exceedingly generous, even to the point of buying articles of wearing apparel and expensive presents for those with whom she was on intimate terms. Her attorney said: "The sum of $1,800 is not so great but that she could spend it herself after giving away a few hundred dollars perhaps to this brother. It is not likely that Miss Dixon thought of stealing the money. It was convenient and she spent it without thinking and doing anything that required planning in advance."

Denies the Forgery Charge.

Miss Dixon says she does not fear the forgery charge. She asserts that it can be easily refuted and that the signature of the note she offered as collateral can be produced whenever needed. She is not worrying about that part of the grand jury's work but she is in terror of the jail and during an attack of hysterical convulsions she constantly referred to the jail and her fear of it.

Church Raises the Money.

There was a dramatic scene in the Second Christian church when the congregation raised $1,800 to cover Miss Dixon's shortage. Rev. J. H. Gilliland, the pastor, presented the case without mentioning the young woman's name. The appeal was heard in intense silence and many wept. The pastor headed the subscription list with $100.

Her Father Is Prostrated.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—John H. Dixon, father of Helen Dixon, the girl indicted by the grand jury of McLean county for alleged embezzlements of church funds in Bloomington, is ill at his home, 3157 Forest avenue, Chicago, as a result of the charges made against his daughter. Dixon is 81 years old.

CASE CURIOUSLY SETTLED

Defendant Offers to Make Good an Estimate and Complainant Dismisses at Her Own Cost.

Paris, Ill., Feb. 19.—A peculiar settlement was effected here of a slander suit instituted in the circuit court by Mrs. Mary E. Minnick against William J. Frye, the principals living near Vermilion. When the case was called for trial Frye moved that the complainant be required to give bond for costs, to which she responded, asking leave to sue as a poor person.

Objection was raised by the defense on the ground that the plaintiff was possessed of twenty-two acres of ground, valued at $1,800. Mrs. Minnick disputed the value of the land, and challenged Frye to buy at that price. The offer was accepted, and in the era of good feeling following Mrs. Minnick dismissed the slander suit at her own cost. The case has been pending for a year and in a previous trial there was a disagreement by the jury.

Double Crime by a Woman.

Marion, Ill., Feb. 19.—Nora Turner, daughter of G. H. Turner, of Harrisburg, Ill., shot Robert Kennedy and shot herself. Both will die. Miss Turner for some weeks had been making her home in this city, and been keeping company with Turner, who is a conductor on the Coal Belt Electric railroad. The couple quarreled and Kennedy demanded the keepsakes he had given the girl. Before separating Miss Turner told Kennedy that she would kill him if he did not marry her.

Would Disbar Attorney Hill.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—In the disbarment proceedings against Henry G. Hill, an attorney of Chicago, begun by State's Attorney Healy, the supreme court allowed the motion of the state's attorney to file the information. The charge is that Hill retained for his own use $... which he represented to his client, Mrs. Mary A. K..., that he had paid to the Chicago Union Traction company.

Mother Marries Her Son.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 19.—A unique wedding took place in Macon county, the principals being G. W. Baker and Miss George Marshall, both of Decatur, Ill. The ceremony was performed by the groom's mother, Mrs. Anna Shively, who is an ordained minister, now engaged in conducting revival services at Chapin. She is pastor of the Methodist church there.

He's the Boss Thief, Sure.

Danville, Ill., Feb. 19.—Thomas Bockfield, colored, has been arrested here, charged with stealing a grocery store, or the greater part of it, at least. R. T. Riley, also colored, who conducts a small grocery store, is the complainant.

NOTHING LIKE THE PROBE

Five of Him Will Be Working on the Railway Disaster at New York Pretty Soon.

New York, Feb. 19.—Four distinct investigations into the wreck of the Brewster express on the New York Central railroad Saturday are in progress, and resolutions have been introduced in the legislature for a legislative investigation. One of the investigations already under way was under the direction of the coroner, a second was made by the New York state railroad commission, a third by the district attorney's office of New York county, and the fourth by the railroad.

No announcement has been made, but it is said that the railway commissioners are inclined to the belief that the accident was due to a defect in the motors of one of the cars. It was intimated, though not officially, that the wreck was not due either to defective rails or the [illegible] speed of the train.

TWO BLOWN TO PIECES

Fate of Austrians Who Somehow Exploded a Lot of Giant Powder.

Billings, Mont., Feb. 19.—By the explosion of a number of kegs of giant powder two Austrian laborers were blown to pieces and four others were so badly injured that their death is hourly expected. The accident happened at Hollaway station, about forty miles east of this city.

From reports received here it appears that the men were standing around the powder, and that in some way the powder was ignited. Altogether fourteen kegs exploded. The injured men were brought to this city. They are unable to speak English, and their names have not been learned.

Shaw on a Speaking Tour.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Shaw has left Washington for Chicago, where he will speak this evening. On the 22nd the secretary will speak to the students of the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Folk Signs the Bill.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—Governor Folk has signed the bill passed by the legislature abolishing the extra charge imposed by the M. K. and T. railroad for passengers across the Missouri river bridge at Boonville.

He's Going to Explore Asia.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Professor J. R. S. Sterrett, of Cornell, has announced that he will lead a party of Cornell explorers into the unmapped regions of Asia Minor this [illegible].

THE MARKETS

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Feb. 18.

Following were the quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade today.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	$.77⅝	$.78¼	$.77½	$.78⅛
July	.77¾	.78⅛	.77⅝	.78¼
Sept.	.77⅝	.78	.77½	.77
Corn—				
Feb.	.41	.44	.44	.41
May	.47	.47½	.46⅞	.47¼
July	.46½	.46⅞	.46½	.46⅝
Oats—				
Feb.	.38⅝	.38⅝	.38⅝	.38⅝
May	.40⅝	.40⅝	.40½	.40⅝
July	.37	.37½	.36⅞	.37¼
Pork—				
May	17.15	17.17½	16.75	16.75
July	17.20	17.20	16.85	16.85
Lard—				
May	9.90	9.85	9.82½	9.82½
July	9.82½	9.82½	9.70	9.80
Short Ribs—				
May	9.80	9.37½	9.22½	9.22½
July	9.35	9.42½	9.30	9.32½

Cash sales—Winter wheat—By sample: No. 2 red, 75@75½c; No. 3 red, 73@75½c; No. 2 hard, 74½@77c; No. 3 hard, 68@75c. Spring wheat—By sample: No. 1 northern, 80@84c; No. 2 northern, 80@83c; No. 3 spring, 70@80c. Corn—By sample: No. 3, 42¼@42¾c; No. 3 white, 43c; No. 3 yellow, 42½@42¾c; No. 4, 39½@41c. Oats—By sample: Steady to ½c higher; No. 2, 39½c; No. 2 white, 41@41¾c; No. 3, 38½@39c; No. 3 white, 39½@40½c; No. 4 white, 38@39½c; standard, 40½@41c.

Live Stock, Poultry and Hay.

Chicago, Feb. 18.

Hogs—Receipts 51,000. Sales ranged at $6.95@7.05 for bulk, $7.00 for choice shipping lots.

Cattle—Receipts 27,000. Quotations ranged at $6.50@7.00 prime fat steers, $4.00@4.75 good to choice cows, $4.50@5.00 prime heifers, $3.75@4.50 good to choice bulls, $7.25@7.75 good to choice calves.

Sheep—Receipts 18,000. Quotations ranged at $5.50@6.00 good to prime native wethers, $5.25@6.00 good to prime native ewes, $4.50@5.00 plain to fair mutton ewes, $7.25@7.90 good to choice lambs.

Live poultry—Turkeys, per lb, 15c; chickens, fowls, 11c; springs, 10½c; roosters, 8½c; geese, $5.00@7.50; ducks, 15c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $18.00@19.00; No. 1, $16.00@17.00; No. 2, $14.00@15.50; No. 3, $12.00@14.00; choice prairie, $13.50@14.00; No. 1, $12.50@13.50; No. 2, $10.00@11.00; No. 3, $9.00@10.00; No. 4, $8.50@9.00.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 18.

Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts 170 cars; market 10@15c lower; exporters, $5.75@6.00; shipping, $4.75@5.15; butchers, $4.75@5.25; heifers, $4.50@4.90; cows, $3.50@4.40. Hogs—Receipts 30 cars; market lower; heavy, $7.35; yorkers, $7.30@7.35; pigs, $7.15. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 120 cars; market lower; native lambs, $7.00@7.65; westerns, $7.50@7.80; yearlings, $5.00@6.60; wethers, $5.25@5.50; ewes, $4.75@5.15. Calves—Market steady; best, $9.50.

DONE BY PROVIDENCE

Taking Off of Stanford White Not the Premeditated Act of Harry Thaw.

PRISONER TELLS DOCTOR EVANS

Much-Discussed Will Is Finally Admitted as Evidence.

Its Peculiar Provisions Which Are Depended on to Establish the Insanity Plea—Other Delusions Shown

New York, Feb. 19.—"I never wanted to shoot the creature. I never wanted to kill him. I knew he was a foul creature, destroying the mothers and daughters of America, but I wanted through legal means to bring him to trial. I wanted to get him into court—to bring him to justice. But Providence took charge of it; it was an act of Providence." This is Harry K. Thaw's own story of the killing of Stanford White. It was told by him to Dr. Britton D. Evans, the alienist, last August in the Tombs. Dr. Evans repeated the prisoner's words to the jury which is trying Thaw for his life.

Jerome's Fight Unsuccessful.

District Attorney Jerome fought last week against the introduction of this evidence, which the defense believes is conclusive proof that Thaw did not know his act was wrong. Once, however, the testifying physicians had declared that in their opinion Thaw was insane at the time he made the statements to them, the rules of evidence permitted the introduction of the prisoner's words. In further bolstering their contention that Thaw was insane when he killed Stanford White the defendant's counsel succeeded in placing before the jury the will executed by Thaw the night of his marriage in April, 1905, and a codicil to the will executed at the same time.

Possible Meaning of Jerome's Tactics.

Again Jerome fought the evidence, but he significantly withdrew his objections after Dr. Evans had given it as his expert opinion that Thaw was insane at the time he executed the will. The fact that the district attorney seems disposed to let in testimony of every character, provided there is a preliminary opinion from the witness that the man was of unsound mind at the time to which the testimony refers, was taken as further indicating that Jerome may, at the psychological moment, if he deems his hand strong enough, demand the appointment of a commission to pass upon Thaw's state of mind at the present moment.

PROVISIONS OF THAW'S WILL

Money to Prosecute His Possible Murderer—Delmas at His Post.

The will and the codicil, as read to the jurors, were offered in evidence as cumulative testimony of Thaw's mental unsoundness prior to the killing of White. In his will Thaw provided that his executors should set apart the sum of $50,000 for the investigation of his death in case of a violent or suspicious end, and for the prosecution of the persons suspected of having had a hand in his taking off. In the codicil Thaw left to a lawyer in Pittsburg the sum of $7,500 to be used in securing legal redress from Stanford White and one other person—whose name was not allowed to be read—for the benefit of four young women who, Thaw declared, had been the victims of "degrading assaults" in a house "furnished and used for orgies by Stanford White and other inhuman scoundrels."

The names of the four young women were mentioned by Thaw, but were not made public. Thaw also bequeathed sums of $2,500 each to Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, Anthony Comstock, and a lawyer named in his codicil, to be used in discovering further alleged misdeeds by Stanford White and securing redress for the women.

The opening of court found Attorney Delmas again in his accustomed place at the head of Thaw's counsel table. During the day there was no surface indication of the storm which it is said raged among counsel for the defense during the latter part of last week, after the trial had been adjourned because of the death of Juror Bolton's wife. Bolton was early at the criminal courts building, and said that he felt perfectly able to go on with the trial. It was decided that the jurors should not again be confined until they finally retire to make up their verdict.

SOME OF THAW'S DELUSIONS

Charged His Lawyers with Conspiracy—Testimony of Dr. Evans.

Dr. Evans, who has been by far the most important witness for the defense among the medical experts, detailed at great length his conversations with Thaw in the Tombs. He told of how Thaw declared that his lawyers and physicians were in a conspiracy with the district attorney to "railroad" him off to an asylum and to prevent his case from coming to trial. He declared that "they wanted to close this matter up." Thaw told the physician that in his attempts to bring Stanford White to justice he had complained to District Attorney Jerome, and that the latter had told him to let the matter drop; that there was nothing to it. He also complained to Anthony Comstock and to a detective agency.

Dr. Evans was corroborated as to most of Thaw's statements by Dr. Chas. G. Wagner, of Binghamton, who first figured as a witness early last week. District Attorney Jerome cross-examined Dr. Evans briefly on the one point of his opinion that Thaw was of unsound mind at the time of executing his will. The prosecutor and witness finished the at the first contract, and there was every intention that when Jerome undertook Dr. Evans' cross-examination in general the proceedings would be as lively and interesting as any ever heard in a local court room.

Dr. Evans met the preliminary attacks boldly, and seemed as ready with his wits as the district attorney. This was illustrated when Jerome, in a tone of aggravation, asked the witness:

"Well, what can you say?"

"There are many things I could say, but I am not permitted to say them," retorted the physician amid laughter.

Delmas was on his feet during every bit of Jerome's cross-questioning of the witness. He interposed many objections and generally was sustained. He looked sharply to Dr. Evans' interest, but the latter appeared to be well aware of his privileges.

TYLER HAD BEEN THREATENED

Most Important Testimony So Far Given Against Steve Adams at Wallace, Ida.

Wallace, Ida., Feb. 19.—The feature of the day in the Steven Adams trial was the evidence of Archie Phillips. He testified that Tyler had told him of threats made by Adams and Jack Simpkins, but was not allowed to state the nature of these threats, objection being lodged by the defense on the ground that he did not know them of his own knowledge. Phillips stated how on one occasion he saw Adams and Simpkins coming up the trail towards Tyler's cabin. Adams, armed with a Winchester, stopped Bryant's from the cabin, and Simpkins, who carried no weapon in his hands, went about 100 yards past the house.

Tyler and Phillips sat on a log in front of the cabin, and soon Tyler began to whistle past their cats. All pleasantly close. They got up and went into the cabin. Ten shots were fired, four from up the creek where Simpkins had gone and two a revolver and six from where he saw Adams. Just from a rifle. Phillips was the last man to see Tyler alive.

MORE PAY FOR MANY MEN

Frick Coke Company Increases the Wages of 21,000 Employes, Who Proceed to Celebrate.

Connellsville, Pa., Feb. 19.—An advance in wages that will directly affect 21,000 men and mean the paying out annually in the Connellsville region of nearly $1,000,000 more. Coin [illegible] has been announced by the H. C. Frick Coke company. The new scale becomes effective March 1. It is an increase of 12½ per cent. for mining, 20 per cent. for drawing coke and 15 cents a day to drivers, ropeinsiders, ragers and track layers, with a proportionate rise for other classes of labor.

The notices announcing the advance were posted throughout the two coke regions. The raise came as a surprise and makes the coke workers of western Pennsylvania the highest paid laborers of their class in the world. The advance is the first announced in two years, and there is a general celebration throughout the Connellsville district.

Woman Suffrage Officers.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The National Woman Suffrage convention has elected its officers for the ensuing year. Rev. Anna Shaw, who for many years has been national president, was re-elected by a unanimous vote. Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery was chosen to the office of first vice president, and Mrs. Florence Kelly was given the newly created office of second vice president. All other national officers were re-elected in turn, with the exception of Dr. Jeffreys, the second auditor, who gave way to Mary S. Sperry, of California.

Dynamite Thawing Is Fatal.

London, Ky., Feb. 19.—Five men employed by the Louisville and Nashville railroad in laying a double track at tunnel No. 6, one mile north of Hazelpatch, this county, were killed by the explosion of 100 sticks of dynamite, which they were thawing around a fire. The dead are Hugh Sutton, foreman, and Frank Betes, of Pikeville, Tenn. Carl Epps, Arthur Jones and Andrew Cleveland, the last three negroes.

Retribution Was Quick.

Malden, Mo., Feb. 19.—"Dick" A. L. Branson, a saloonkeeper, who shot and killed Attorney H. R. Cox and Dr. J. W. Beall, in the latter's office, was shot and killed himself a few hours later, while being removed from the jail at Malden to Kennett for safekeeping. The killing of Branson was by an unidentified person standing in the shadow of a building near the Malden jail.

Great Forest Fire Raging.

Lawton, O. T., Feb. 19.—A forest fire is raging in the 100,000-acre government forest reserve in the Wichita mountains ten miles southwest of here, and is threatening to devastate the entire tract. Despite efforts of the supervisor, his assistants and hundreds of citizens from nearby towns the damage already amounts to thousands of dollars to trees, grass and live stock.

Ruef Compelled to Plead.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Abraham Ruef has been compelled by Judge Dunne, over the objections of his attorneys, to enter his plea in the indictment cases against him. He pleaded not guilty.

ALL IS NOW SERENE

House Adopts the Conference Report on the Immigration Bill, as Expected.

THAT AGREEMENT AS TO JAPAN

Still Shuts Out Little Japs, but Not "Intentionally."

Children of "Alien Birth" Only Means the Kids of the Subjects of the Mikado—Labor Exclusion Provisions.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Japanese children are to be admitted to the white schools of San Francisco under certain restrictions. Skilled and unskilled laborers coming from Japan barred from the mainland of the United States, and laborers from the United States, skilled and unskilled, are to be excluded from Japan. This is the basis of the agreement between President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco school board as an adjustment of anti-Japanese agitation brought about by the segregation of Japanese children in the schools of San Francisco. The agreement means that the schools of San Francisco will be conducted in the same manner as they were before the board of education adopted the resolution last October providing for the segregation of the Japanese, except that adult Japanese who are in primary grades must continue to attend the Oriental schools, and that Japanese children under 16 years of age will be admitted to classes with white children of their own ages.

No "Discrimination Intended."

While the resolution of the school board as amended reads "children of alien birth" it is freely admitted by Mayor Schmitz and his associates that the resolution will apply only to the Japanese children, and that the change in the wording was to make it plain to the Tokio government that no discrimination was intended against Japanese children.

Must Read Between the Lines.

Assistant City Attorney Watkins, of San Francisco, who has acted as legal adviser to Mayor Schmitz and the board of education since negotiations have been pending in Washington, said: "To understand the exact meaning of the agreement reached by Mayor Schmitz it will be necessary for the newspapers to read between the lines. The only concession we have made is to admit Japanese children to the white schools, while in return the administration has brought about the exclusion of Japanese labor from this country."

What Mayor Schmitz Said.

Mayor Schmitz said: "This is only a temporary agreement. President Roosevelt has given us direct and positive assurances that he will at once begin negotiations with Japan for the purpose of bringing about a new treaty that will exclude Japanese laborers, skilled and unskilled, from continental United States."

HOUSE IS COMPLAISANT

Passes the Conference Report on the Immigration Bill.

The publication of the agreement between the president and Mayor Schmitz followed the adoption by the house of the conference report on the immigration bill, which provides for the exclusion of Japanese labor from the United States, and which was adopted by the senate last week. The house vote was 187 to 101. The following Republicans voted against agreeing to the report: Fordney of Michigan, McCall of Massachusetts, McCarthy of Nebraska and Smith of Iowa. The following Democrats voted in favor of the report: DeArmond of Missouri, Meyer of Virginia, Moon of Tennessee and Wiley of Alabama.

The basis of the agreement is the proposition that "All children of alien races, under 16 years of age, who speak the English language may be admitted to the white schools. Special schools are to be established for children of alien birth who are deficient in the elements of the English language."

The department of commerce and labor, in the exercise of authority which will at once under the signature of the immigration bill, proceed to instruct the collectors of the various ports of entry of the restrictions placed upon the admission of immigrants by the new act.

The date of the actual issue now fairly settled through the passage of the immigration bill, the San Francisco authorities will rescind their action excluding Japanese from the white schools, as soon as they take up matters. Conferences that were already in progress with the Japanese government looking to the regulation of Japanese immigration into the United States.

The amendment of the order segregating the Japanese as proposed by the Frisco delegation will make the ordinance read as follows:

"Section 1 — Children of all alien races who speak the English language, in order to determine the proper grade which they may be entitled to be enrolled, must first be examined as to their educational qualifications by the principal of the school where the application for enrollment shall have been made.

"Section 2 — That no child of alien birth over the ages of 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 years shall be enrolled in any of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grades, respectively.

"Section 3 — If said alien children shall be found deficient in their ability to speak or deficient in the elements of the English language, or unable to attend the grades mentioned in section 2 by reason of the restrictions mentioned therein, such children shall be enrolled in special schools or in special classes established exclusively for such children as and in the manner the board of education shall deem proper and most expedient."

UNCLE JOE TOO PREVIOUS

He Appears with His Gavel a Week Ahead of Time.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Last week the house of representatives decided to open its daily sessions at 11 a. m. this week, and voted to begin its day at 10 a. m. from Feb. 25, for the purpose of having eulogies until noon of that day. At 10 a. m. yesterday Speaker Cannon took the chair in the house and brought down the gavel with a thud that sent half a dozen scurrying pages to their benches. Two or three members who had arrived early stared in amazement at the speaker, who was looking in vain for the chaplain to offer the invocation.

Finally one of the house employes rushed to the speaker's desk and told him that he was just a week too early with his 10 o'clock session, and Cannon retired to his office, leaving the few early comers in the house in great merriment.

Senate and House in Brief.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The senate resumed consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill and devoted the whole day to discussion of the forestry service and an increase of the salary of Chief of Forestry Pinchot, which was finally agreed to.

Under suspension of the rules the house adopted the conference report on the immigration bill, although the Democrats generally made a party issue. The house refused to suspend the rules and pass the bill recommended by the interstate and foreign commerce committee as a substitute for the so-called LaFollette bill limiting employment on railroads to sixteen hours, the Democrats voting solidly against the substitute.

GREAT THEFT OF DIAMONDS

Houston, Tex., Firm Is Robbed of Gems Valued at from $50,000 to $60,000—No Clue.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 19.—A local jewelry company was robbed of between $50,000 and $60,000 worth of loose diamonds, and up to this writing no progress toward their recovery has been reported. A stranger entered the store and asked to have an unmounted diamond, which he had with him, matched in order to have both mounted for ear rings. A box of loose stones was produced by the clerk and they went through them trying to select a similar stone. The stranger did not appear to be satisfied, and said he would send his wife around in the afternoon.

He left the store, and, as the clerk supposed, the box of diamonds was returned to the safe. There was occasion to take the box from the safe again in the afternoon, and it was then discovered that the box that had been returned had contained only tissue paper instead of the valuable jewels. It was identical in appearance with the box for which it had been substituted, except being a trifle smaller.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE

The Daddis Lumber and Veneer company's veneer plant at Marshfield, Wis., burned. Loss, $75,000; insurance, $50,000.

The senate committee on judiciary has authorized favorable reports on the house bill incorporating the National German Alliance.

Nineteen persons were frozen to death at various places in east and west Prussia during the past few days.

Benjamin Butterworth, second son of the late Representative Butterworth, of Ohio, is dead at Washington.

Over an area three-quarters the size of the United States 30,000,000 famine-stricken Russians are fighting hunger and disease with pitifully small resources of their own and little outside aid.

The new German reichstag assembled to listen to the formal speech from the throne, which the emperor read personally.

The Idaho house has passed a joint memorial condemning the national forest reserve system. The vote was 32 to 7.

An eight-hour bill for miners and mill and smelter employes has been passed by the Idaho senate and now goes to the governor.

The trial of Will J. Davis, of Chicago, for manslaughter in connection with the Iroquois theater horror will begin at Danville, Ill., March 1 next.

The New York senate railroads committee has reported favorably a demurrage bill which would compel railroads to furnish freight cars on demand.

A requisition has been received at Jefferson City, Mo., for H. Clay Pierce, of St. Louis, president of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, who is wanted in Texas on the charge of making false affidavits.

Six seamen lost their lives when the Philadelphia and Reading Coal company's barges Girard and Alaska went ashore and broke up off Highland Light, Mass.

Fire broke out in the Tulsa oil field, seventeen miles northeast of Tulsa, I. T., and thirty wells are reported on fire.

HISTORY OF RUS-JAP WAR IS NOW OUT

Russia Unsuccessful in Attempt to Suppress Kuropatkin's Review of the War.

General Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war which was confiscated by the Russian government, has at last become accessible, despite the most extreme precautions to prevent this galling official indictment from reaching the public.

The work is remarkable for its historic value as the closing chapter of the war from the pen of the commander-in-chief and for the merciless criticism of the men and measures, which in Kuropatkin's estimate, was the means of sweeping Russia and its army to inevitable defeat. The work consists of three volumes respectively devoted to the three crucial events of the war, the battles of Liao Yang, Sha River and Mukden. The story constitutes amazing revelations of disorders and incapacity and even of disobedience of orders.

Kuropatkin's reasons of failure of the war are based chiefly on comparison of the warlike spirit of the Japanese, their preparedness and valor, which he says had never been seen in any previous war, and their ability to maintain the numerical superiority necessary to assume the offensive, with the disadvantages of the Russians owing to the inadequacy of the single track railway in feeding her fighting strength, when the commanding officers disobeyed orders and in a hopeless state of confusion and cross purposes, with a low state of morale and confidence among the troops, and continuous news from home of international troubles and of insults and reproaches against the army.

The general closes his survey of the cause of the defeat of the Russians with the patriotic reflection that if Russia had been united and ready to make the sacrifices necessary to safeguard her dignity and integrity the 'Valiant Russian army would have striven until the foe was subdued.'

Homeseekers' Rates.

Homeseekers' tickets on sale via the Northwestern Line the first and third Tuesday of each month at very low rates for the round trip to points throughout the west, northwest and southwest. Also special low rates for one-way colonists' tickets same dates in February and March to Colorado, Wyoming and the Black Hills, and to Pacific Coast points daily during March and April.

Ask agents The Northwestern Line for particulars.

OTTO BEIER BUYS BAKERY FROM BROTHER

Otto Beier has purchased from his brother, William, the Beier steam bakery on First street and will hereafter conduct the business. The new proprietor announces no change in the equipment, help or policy of the institution will be made. The retiring proprietor has not announced his plans for the future.

Son Dies in Chicago.

Mrs. M. Armstrong and family were called to Chicago today by the death of her son, James E. Armstrong. The remains will be taken to Apple River, Ill., for interment.

Funeral of George Hanne.

The funeral of George O. Hanne, who committed suicide at his parents' home five miles south of Dixon Thursday morning, was held this morning at 11 o'clock at the Emanuel church in South Dixon. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

OREGON OFFICIALS WANT FREE RIDES

Salem, Ore., Feb. 15—The state legislature has passed a compulsory pass bill which makes it obligatory on the part of the railroads to furnish free transportation to state and district officers and to county judges and sheriffs.

Robin Sings of Spring.

Mahlou Forsythe saw a robin sporting on the streets of North Dixon this noon. He had no salt with him, so cannot show the robin for proof, but the robin was there just the same.

Carpenter-Anderson

Miss Grace Carpenter of this city and Mr. Paul Anderson of Polo were united in marriage this afternoon in Peoria. Miss Carpenter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carpenter of Nachusa avenue. Mr. Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson of Polo, wealthy and retired farmers. Miss Carpenter has resided in Dixon about six years and for two years she was employed in the office of the Bell Telephone company. Mr. Anderson is wire chief for the company at Polo.